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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOROUGH OF RAMSGATE

AIR RAID WARNINGS LOCAL ALERT SYSTEM

AS from Noon on Saturday, the 4th October, 1941, a local alert system will be operated from the Gas Works, Boundary-road.

When hostile aircraft are known to be in the immediate vicinity of the town, ten short boots will be sounded on the steam siren. A continuous long hoot for one half minute will indicate that the aircraft have left the vicinity.

This new alert will be in addition to the sirens sounded in connection with the ordinary air raid warning system.

H. G. CURTIS
Town Clerk.

Clarendon House,
Ramsgate.
2nd October, 1941.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Probate Divorce and Admiralty Division
(Divorce)

To **ELIZABETH AMELIA WILSON** late of 22 Union Street Ramsgate Kent

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Divorce by Frederick Charles Wilson of 24 Montague-road Ramsgate Kent has been filed indorsed with a notice to you to enter an appearance at the Divorce Registry Somerset House London within one month after the date of this publication. In default of your so doing the Court will hear the evidence and pronounce Judgment.

H. A. de C. PEREIRA
Registrar.

Messrs. Yarde and Loader 1-2 Gray's Inn-place London W.C.1 Agents for Wotton and Young 28 Cavendish-street Ramsgate Kent Solicitors for the Petitioner.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL HUBERT NORRIS, deceased

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having any claim against the estate of Lieutenant-Colonel Hubert Norris late of 7 Pathside-close, Haslemere, Surrey who died on the 8th day of September 1941 are hereby required to send particulars thereof in writing to the Executors Trustee Department Lloyds Bank Limited Exhurst-place, Exhurst, near Guildford, Surrey, the Executors of the will of the said Hubert Norris, or to the undersigned the solicitors to the Executors, on or before the 15th day of December 1941, after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the said estate, having regard only to the claims then notified.

Dated this first day of October 1941.

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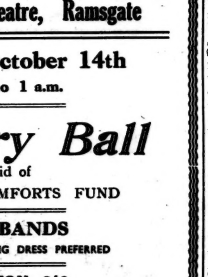
KILLED IN ACTION

GNR. DONALD PRICKETT



A recent photograph of Gnr. Donald Charles Prickett, R.A., only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Prickett, of Broadstairs, who, as previously reported in the ADVERTISER & ECHO, was killed in action in September while serving in the Middle East.

An old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, where he was a member of the cricket 1st XI., Gnr. Prickett, who was 24 years of age, afterwards gained many successes in club tennis and was a brilliant table-tennis player. He was employed at Lane's Library when mobilised with the Territorial Army which he had joined before the war.

BEREAVED IN TWO WARS

COUNCIL SYMPATHY FOR MRS. KEEVIL

Reference to the death, while on active service in the Middle East, of Mr. J. R. J. Keevil, an assistant in the Rating and Valuation Department, was made by the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) at Monday's meeting of Broadstairs Council.

Councillor Pearson said he deeply regretted having to refer to the passing of a young life, a life which was full of great promise. Mr. Keevil was in the Rating Department for seven years and Mr. White had told him that he carried out his duties conscientiously and well. In Mr. White's opinion he was cut out for excellent service in municipal life.

One of the most regrettable aspects, said the Chairman, was that his father was killed on active service in the last war, and the news must have come as a bitter blow to his mother. He was sure the Council would wish conveyed to her a resolution expressing sympathy in her loss.

The members stood for a few moments.

As reported in a recent issue of the ADVERTISER & ECHO, Gnr. Jack Keevil, only son of Mrs. Keevil, of St. Peter's Park-road, Broadstairs, was killed last month while serving with the Royal Artillery in the Middle East. An Old Ruymian, aged 20 years, he was a member of the Thanet Wanderers Rugby 1st XV.

"NOT MY LEGAL WIFE"

HUSBAND SAYS HE COMMITTED BIGAMY

An extraordinary story was related at Ramsgate police court on Monday when a man claimed that the woman from whom he was separated was not his wife, as he had committed bigamy, and that he was not therefore liable for her maintenance.

The man, Albert Frederick Johnstone, of Albany-place, Dover, was summoned by his wife, Mattie Loretta Johnstone, for being £22 19s. 5d. in arrear in the payment of 30s. a week in respect of the wife and 7s. per week in respect of their child.

Mrs. Johnstone said the order was made by the magistrates on 27th August, 1940, and she received the payment regularly while her husband was in the Army. He was discharged in July and she had since received only three payments of £1 each.

Defendant said that while he was in the Army he received only 7s. a week because of the allotment made to his wife. Since his discharge he was working on a light job, his wages being a shilling an hour for a minimum of 48 hours a week, plus 11s. bonus. He occasionally worked overtime.

"She is not my legal wife," said defendant, turning towards Mrs. Johnstone.

Defendant went on to allege that his wife was associating with another man.

Thicker Than Brothers.

"He was a great friend of mine," said defendant. "I trusted him in every respect. I trusted my wife. She ran about all over the town with him. With my knowledge they went everywhere. In March, 1940, when I came home on leave she almost begged me to sell the home so that she could go to Mr. R——. At that time Mr. R and I were great friends. We were thicker than brothers. There was nothing I would not have done for him. I trusted him wholeheartedly. When this case came off it seemed to me there was something amiss.

"Ever since the order was made my wife has lived under the same roof as Mr. R. They have been seen walking arm-in-arm in the town. That is great provocation for a man who is supporting his wife. Had she done as I asked her and left Mr. R I would have forwarded the money regularly. I don't see why I should send her money weekly while she is living under the same roof with another man. That is the cause of the trouble."

Defendant said that when he came home on one occasion he gave his wife a terrible thrashing. Before the war they were very happy. His wife used to boast to the neighbours about what a good husband she had. When he joined the Army his wife's letters got less and less frequent, and partly owing to the worry his health broke down. Twice he cycled from Newhaven to Ramsgate to see his wife. On one occasion he arrived home at midnight when he had 36 hours' leave but his wife had locked her room so that he could not get in.

Asked by the chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) what he meant by saying that Mrs. Johnstone was not his legal wife, defendant said "I have committed bigamy, and I admit it. I know what is coming to me. I have told the police at Dover."

Married in America.

Mrs. Johnstone, who denied her husband's allegations, produced a certificate showing that she was married to defendant in America.

The Chairman: There is legal evidence that this woman is your wife.

A number of letters were produced, in one of which defendant said he was willing to overlook what had happened if she was willing to make a home for his wife in Dover if she would give up Mr. R.

The Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight): Why have you not paid the amount of the order?

Defendant: She's not my legal wife and I am not entitled to. I made up my mind to put this bigamy case through and finish it.

The Clerk: You are simply setting yourself up against the court.

Defendant: I do not know anything about the law.

The Clerk: You know enough about the law to know that if you marry a woman and have a child by her you must maintain them.

At a later stage in the proceedings defendant declared "I protest against this order. This woman is with another man. My friend has turned out to be my bitterest enemy."

Defendant said his average earnings for the past two weeks had been £3 12s.

The Clerk announced that the justices had come to the conclusion that defendant could not afford to pay 37s. a week. To save time, however, they would consent to amend the order to 30s. as payable again.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone consented.

Mr. Perry then announced that an order would be made for the payment of 15s. a week in respect of the wife and 7s. in respect of the child. Defendant would also have to pay 3s. a week off the arrears—making a total of 24s. a week. The summons for arrears would be adjudged for a month.

Defendant said he would try and keep up the payments but he was liable to go down sick.

The Clerk: No one wants to take advantage of your illness or inability to pay.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SAVERS

In a two-day drive the Southern Railway savings group at Ramsgate secured 41 new members.

GASSED IN THE LAST WAR

RAMSGATE WAR RESERVE LOSSES

Ramsgate has lost two of its War Reserve constables.

W/R James Henry Southern passed away on Sunday at his home, 63 Newington-road, at the age of 48. He had celebrated his birthday three days previously.

During the last war W/R Southern served with the 8th Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. He was gassed and had suffered from the effects ever since.

Following the war he worked in France for the War Graves Commission, having charge of several cemeteries, and on coming to Ramsgate opened up business as a hardware merchant in Nowington-road.

W/R Southern joined the Ramsgate Police War Reserve in June, 1940, and had recently been under treatment at Preston Hall.

He leaves a widow and one daughter, who was married recently.

W/R Southern had for many years been an indefatigable worker on behalf of St. Mark's Church, Northwood, where the funeral service will be held at 2.30 on Thursday. The interment will be in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

W/R H. R. Thain.

Taken ill only a fortnight previously, W/R Hubert Reeve Thain, of 14 Chapel-place, Ramsgate, who died in a London hospital, was buried at Abbots Langley on Wednesday.

Familiarly known to his friends as "Baldie," W/R Thain was 54 years of age.

He served previously in the Rhodesian Police and joined the Ramsgate First Police Reserve on 2nd September, 1939. He transferred subsequently to the Police War Reserve.

The widow is a member of the Ramsgate A.R.P. Casualty Service and a son is a civilian clerk in the Chief Constable's Office at Rochester.

HIS FIRST VOYAGE

RAMSGATE LAD ON LOST SHIP

The ship in which Stephen Robert Castle, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Castle, of 83 Newington-road, Ramsgate, was making his first trip to sea as a mess-room boy, is reported to have been lost through enemy action in September.

No news has yet been received concerning the fate of the members of the crew and Mr. and Mrs. Castle are anxiously awaiting further information.

Only 16 years of age, the young merchant seaman attended St. Lawrence School before gaining an examination to St. George's and until he joined his training ship was a member of St. Lawrence Church choir.

An elder brother is serving with an A.A. Battery.

NEW COUNCILLOR

BUILDER CO-OPTED AT BROADSTAIRS

Mr. Octavius Robinson, builder, of High-street, has been co-opted a member of Broadstairs Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor J. A. Forde.

Other candidates nominated for the vacancy were Mr. Lewis Herbert Harrison, of Church-street, St. Peter's, Mrs. Jessie Holden, of Cliff-cottages, West Cliff-road, and Mr. A. G. Stewart, of The Chestnuts, Granville-road.

The election took place at a meeting of the Council at Pierremont Hall on Monday, when each candidate's name was submitted to the meeting by the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson).

Six votes were cast for Mr. Robinson and there were no supporters for the other three candidates.

Councillor Robinson was elected to serve on the Standing Committees on which Councillor Forde formerly served, and in addition was elected to the Street Lighting Committee.

Councillor Forde's place on the Broadstairs Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee and the Accounts Sub-Committee is being filled by Councillor F. J. Malgress.

"In our New Order there must be no more unemployment, no more mass poverty. Science and planning must support improved labour standards in all lands."—The Minister of Economic Warfare.

"Total war means total economic disturbance. The only thing that will matter after the war will be what service we can render towards making a better Europe."—The Home Secretary.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	6.55 p.m.	6.42 a.m.
Wednesday	6.53 p.m.	6.43 a.m.
Thursday	6.50 p.m.	6.44 a.m.
Friday	6.48 p.m.	6.46 a.m.
Saturday	6.46 p.m.	6.48 a.m.
Sunday	6.44 p.m.	6.50 a.m.
Monday	6.42 p.m.	6.52 a.m.

FIRE RAID HEROISM

BROADSTAIRS BOY COMMENDED

A 16-year-old Broadstairs boy's heroism during the fire-bomb raid on Ramsgate in May has been commended by His Majesty the King.

The commendation appeared in a supplement to the "London Gazette," published on Saturday.

A voluntary Broadstairs A.R.P. Messenger, Brewster Frederick Evan Lowings, who lives at Wardour-close, is an apprentice at the Ramsgate branch of Messrs. Montague Burton.

On the night on 10th May he was engaged with others in fire-watching in the Queen-street area when a German raider showered incendiary bombs across that quarter of the town.

One bomb, blazing furiously, lodged in the roof of Allah Cottage, at the rear of Queen-street.

A ladder was secured but it was found to be insufficiently long to reach the roof. Members of the squad then hoisted Lowings on to the roof and with his gloved hand he plucked the bomb from the tiles and threw it down into the roadway, where it was quickly extinguished. Had the bomb remained on the roof a few seconds longer it would have fallen through and the building would probably have been gutted.

But Lowings' work was not at an end. From his high vantage point on the roof of the cottage he noticed smoke coming from Messrs. Blinko's premises. Entrance to the premises was forced and the fire squad, assisted by members of the fire brigade, who had arrived on the scene, were able to check the fire which had broken out on the top floor.

Lowings is a member of the Margate Flights of the No. 438 (Thanet) Squadron of the Air Training Corps and during the course of a dance at the squadron headquarters, Pettman Central School, Margate, on Friday, it was announced that Cadet Lowings had been commended and details of the incident were given.

Commissioner's Tribute.

News of the commendation was contained in a letter which Lowings received from the Regional Commissioner, Lord Monsell, on Friday.

The letter was as follows:

Sir,—I recently drew the attention of the Minister of Home Security to your gallant conduct on 10th May, 1941, at Ramsgate, when you removed, with your gloved hand an incendiary bomb which was burning on the roof of Allah Cottage.

Your prompt action undoubtedly prevented a serious fire developing.

Mr. Herbert Morrison felt that your resource and initiative were deserving of high praise and he took steps to bring the matter to the notice of His Majesty the King.

I now have pleasure in informing you, at the request of the Minister, that His Majesty has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of your name as having received an expression of commendation for your services.

The police will appear in a list to be published as a supplement to the "London Gazette" on the evening of 3rd October, 1941.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sd.) MONSELL.
Regional Commissioner,
No. 12 Region.

RESCUED TRAPPED MEN

GALLANT P/C COMMENDED

A supplement to the "London Gazette" on Saturday announced that P/C Thomas William Stace, of the Margate borough force, had been commended by the King for gallantry conduct.

Stationed at Westgate, P/C Stace, who has been a member of the police force for nearly six years, was notified of the commendation in a letter he received from the Home Office on Friday.

The letter read:

"I am directed by the Secretary of State to inform you that the Chief Constable of Margate drew his attention to the gallant conduct on the night of the 15th July, when you assisted in the rescue of men trapped in damaged premises and showed great courage in extremely dangerous conditions.

"Mr. Herbert Morrison felt that your devotion to duty was deserving of high praise and he took steps to bring the matter to the notice of His Majesty the King, who was graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of your name as having received an expression of commendation for your service."

PAYING RATES WEEKLY

SCHEME IN OPERATION AT BROADSTAIRS

Between 16th August, when the scheme came into operation, and the end of September 137 cards for the payment of rates by weekly or monthly instalments were issued at Broadstairs and the sum of £119 5s. 5d. was collected by this method.

The Rating Officer, Mr. W. H. B. White, is being assisted in the operation of the weekly system of collection by Miss L. K. Adams, at a salary of £2 a week, and her place as shorthand-typist has been taken by Mrs. L. Stafford at a salary of £1 15s. a week.

Tank Before Christmas SAVINGS DRIVE

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The aim for the 12 weeks preceding Christmas is that Ramsgate should save enough to buy a Tank BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

The wonderful results of the campaign since War Weapons Week have encouraged the committee to set this marker.

Details of the past twelve weeks' campaign will be announced next week.

RAMSGATE GROUPS SAVINGS CAMPAIGN

PROSECUTION HELD OVER

CHILDREN WHO WERE NOT SENT BACK

On the instructions of the Regional Commissioner, no further action is to be taken at present against two Ramsgate parents who failed to obey an order to send their children back to the reception area.

The summonses, which came before the magistrates several weeks ago and have been adjourned three times, were against Ernest Dines, of Chapel-road, St. Lawrence, and Herbert Hudson, of Whitehall-road.

At Ramsgate police court on Monday the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis) said his instructions that morning from the Regional Commissioner were to ask that the cases should be adjourned sine die.

"There is no need for me to elaborate on the application," said the Town Clerk.

"You will have seen from the national press that the procedure being adopted here is similar to that in other regions."

The magistrates consented to the application.

It was announced at the week-end that Sir William Spens, Eastern Regional Commissioner, had withdrawn authority for Town Councils in his area to prosecute parents who had brought their children home.]

OLD SCOUTS TOGETHER

COMRADES IN CAPTIVITY

Two former members of the East Cliff Scouts, Ramsgate, are prisoners of war in the same camp.

They are Sergt. William J. Heydon and Ord. Sig. Leonard H. Bowley, who are both at Stalag XVIII A.

Sergt. Heydon, who went to Dunkirk several times on rescue work during the evacuation of the B.E.F., was twice captured while serving in the Middle East but escaped the first time when he was taken prisoner at Sidi Rezegh. It is some consolation to his wife, therefore, to know that at any rate he is having a rest from fighting.

O/S. Len Bowley, who was serving on H.M.S. Gloucester, wrote to his wife on 4th August to say that he was working ten hours a day for 1½d. an hour on a stone quarry. He was dressed in an old Army uniform, wanted clothes and food and had not shaved for 11 weeks.

Other old members of the troop who are prisoners of war are B/Q/M/S William E. Playford, L/Sergt. James Martin and Pte. Fred H. Williamson.

In the October issue of the East Cliff Scouts' News-Letter, Comdr. R. S. Howlett announces that he has opened a Parcels Fund on their behalf and also invites old friends to write to them on prisoner of war air mail letter cards.

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COUNCILLOR LENDS HORSE

In connection with the measures being taken to save the North Foreland golf courses from further deterioration, Broadstairs Council are arranging, in view of the shortage of petrol and vaporising oil, to adapt the machines used on the course for horse haulage.

The offer of Councillor F. Foster to lend his horse for use with the adapted machines has been accepted with the best thanks of the Council.

The cultivation of a part of the course has been considered by the Kent War Agricultural Executive Committee but no definite proposals have yet been made to Broadstairs Council.

SUCH A PLEASURE

Renewing their postal subscriptions to the ADVERTISER & ECHO, readers write:

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Stabilised the Rate

MR. DYE'S SERVICES RECOGNISED

The report of the Finance Committee presented at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday recorded appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. E. E. Dye, an ex-Mayor, whose resignation from the Council was first reported in our previous issue.

Proposing the adoption of the report, the chairman (Alderman J. J. White) moved a resolution placing on record the Council's appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Dye.

Mr. Dye, said Alderman White, joined the Council at a time when half the members had less than a year's service and most of the remainder not more than three years. He came at a time when his presence on the Council was very necessary. After 18 months' service he was appointed chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. The Council and the town owed him a great deal for the firm way he took over the management of the finances right from the start. He was able, with the help of the Borough Treasurer, to get the rate stabilised and it was largely through the influence he exercised that the stabilised rate was maintained for so long. The rate remained at a not unreasonable figure right up to the war.

First Harbour Chairman.

Mr. Dye, continued the alderman, was also chairman of the committee responsible for taking over the harbour and was the first chairman of the Harbour Committee. This was a great acquisition for the town, and they would have realised it more had it not been for the war.

For three years he served under Mr. Dye as vice-chairman of the Finance Committee and he appreciated the marked interest which Mr. Dye took in the affairs of the town. Being a man of strong opinions he naturally made enemies but in looking back on his services as councillor, alderman and mayor he was sure he could sincerely ask the Council unanimously to place on record their appreciation of the services he had rendered.

Seconding the motion, the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) said Mr. Dye had done a great deal of good work in the borough. He remembered particularly his two years as mayor, for they were very successful years. Whether they agreed with a brother member or not they must at all times be generous and he was very sorry Mr. Dye had had to sever his connection with the Council.

Recalling that he served with Mr. Dye for six years, Councillor P. Turner said Mr. Dye came to the Council at the right moment. The Council had lost one of its most notable figures in recent years.

The motion was carried unanimously.

BOYS' TOWN SEQUEL

CONTRASTS AT KING'S

Two contrasting programmes, each with considerable appeal, are being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

A mighty sequel to the unforgettable "Boys Town," "Men of Boys Town" heads the bill to-day and to-morrow. Never before has Spencer Tracy been more dynamic than as the fighting, two-fisted priest, battling against the brutality in corrective treatment of youth. Mickey Rooney gives the finest performance of his career as the more mature Whitey, Father Flanagan's right hand. The story deals with Father Flanagan's manifold problems, those of securing the money to care for the hundreds of boys who appeal to him for help, performing miracles in taking boys with criminal tendencies and building them into good, respectable citizens, and his hope that some day there will be Boys Town everywhere.

A gay, spectacular musical comedy, "Sis Hopkins" is the chief feature for the second half of the week. It presents Judy Canova as a country girl who comes to the city, debunks the pompousness of her rich relations, and establishes for them a complete set of new values. In the role of the rich but hen-pecked uncle is Charles Butterworth. Jerry Colonna, with his walrus moustache, has the part of the traditional professor and takes Judy, the "ugly duckling," under his wing and transforms her into the most glamorous of swans. The film has wit, comedy, music and opera.

A new type of action drama is introduced in "The Great Train Robbery," featuring Bob Steele and Claire Carleton, which will also be screened.

HOSPITAL'S CASE

DEPUTATION TO COUNCIL

Following representations made on behalf of Ramsgate General Hospital, the Finance Committee of the Town Council have expressed their regret that they are unable to increase their contribution to the hospital for the current year in view of the fact that a sum of a hundred guineas has been included in the estimates which have been approved by the Ministry of Health.

A deputation to the Council from the Emergency Committee of the Hospital consisted of Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, Rev. Father Lapworth, Mr. C. S. J. Taylor, and the secretary, Mr. John Brown.

The Rev. Harcourt Samuel placed before the Finance Committee the position of the hospital due to war conditions and urged the Council to revert to the pre-war contribution in order to assist the hospital to meet their obligations in regard to the provision of hospital facilities for the inhabitants of the town.

In announcing their decision the Finance Committee promised that favourable consideration to an increased contribution would be given when the estimates for the next financial year are under consideration.

"Our force for strategical bombing by night is already a great one. Before long it will gain overwhelming strength." —Air Vice Marshal J. O. Andrews.

SCHOLAR AND SPORTSMAN

SGT.-PILOT A. H. ASHWOOD DIES FROM INJURIES

An old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, where he gained his colours for cricket and rugby and matriculated with honours at the age of 14, Sgt.-Pilot Albert Henry Ashwood, R.A.F., died on his 25th birthday from injuries received on active service.

Eldest son of Mrs. Ashwood, of 25 Grove-gardens, Margate, and the late Mr. H. Ashwood, Dick Ashwood, as he was popularly known, won a scholarship to Chatham House from Holy Trinity School, Margate, and distinguished himself both as a scholar and a sportsman.

On leaving school at the age of 18 he spent a few months with a firm of stockbrokers and then secured a post on the civilian staff of New Scotland Yard, where for five years before joining the R.A.F. he was engaged in various departments.

Returning home at week-ends, he formed the Westonville C.C. and also played for St. John's C.C., giving many fine performances with bat and ball. He also captained a team from New Scotland Yard in an annual match against his old school.

Gaining his wings after eight months' training in the R.A.F., Sergt. Ashwood proved himself an efficient and fearless pilot and had taken part in a number of operational flights.

The funeral took place at Margate Cemetery on Thursday.

The Rev. A. Mapson officiated and the mourners were Mrs. Ashwood (mother), Mr. A. G. (Bill) Ashwood (brother), Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shaw (brother-in-law and sister), Miss L. Mason (fiancee), Mr. B. Dawkins (uncle), Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ovenden (uncle and aunt), Mrs. O. W. Mason and Bdr. W. L. Dowling.

MARGATE OFFICER

DIES IN INDIA

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Beerling, of No. 40 Madeira-road, Margate, received news by cablegram last week-end that their son, Lieut. Wilhelm Ernest Wanstall Beerling, R.A.O.C., had died from dysentry while on service in India.

Educated at Margate Commercial School and Chatham House, Ramsgate, Lieut. Beerling, who was 38 years of age, was apprenticed to the Isle of Thanet Electric Supply Co. and became an electrical engineer.

Leaving Margate about 17 years ago, he took up an appointment in London and afterwards secured an important appointment with a firm of electrical engineers at Falkirk. Four years ago he became manager and secretary of the Dundee Ice Rink.

While in Dundee Lieut. Beerling was a lieutenant in the Home Guard and one recovering from a serious operation a year ago he joined the R.A.O.C. in answer to the Army's appeal for engineers. He sailed for India in May.

A member of an old Margate family, Lieut. Beerling's father was for many years a clerk in the offices of the firm of Messrs. Walter Hills and Shea, solicitors.

RAMSGATE R.A. SERGEANT KILLED

Posted missing on 2nd September, L/Sergt. Douglas Drew Dawkins, R.A., of Ramsgate, is now reported to have been killed on service in the Middle East.

While in business in Ramsgate, L/Sergt. Dawkins joined the Territorials in 1938 and was mobilised on the outbreak of war.

Married in 1924, he leaves a widow, two daughters and a son, who are at present staying at Taunton, Somerset.

CAPTURED AT CRETE

Posted missing after the Battle of Crete on 2nd June, Bdr. Horace Dunn, R.A., of Grange-road, Ramsgate, is now known to be a prisoner of war in Germany

An old boy of St. George's School, Bdr. Dunn, who is 22 years of age, was a member of the staff of Vye's Broadstairs branch, and was mobilised with the Territorials on the outbreak of war.

A letter he wrote in Germany announcing that he was a prisoner of war reached his home on Wednesday.

PRISONER'S FIVE MEALS

In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gore, of Thanet-road, Broadstairs, Pte. Charles Gore, The Buffs, who is a prisoner at Stalag XX B, states that he is working on a farm and gets five meals a day but he needs them as the work is very hard.

"The farmer is a great fellow, chats to us and keeps us merry," he writes.

JOINT WAR MEMORIALS

On the subject of war memorials, the Archbishop of Canterbury writes in the Canterbury "Diocesan Gazette and Notes":

"I venture to hope that all who have suffered or may suffer the loss of lives dear to them in the war will not ask that memorials should be inserted in our Churches until the war is over, and that even then they will recognise how far more fitting it is that memorials should, in each parish, be common rather than individual.

"All who have given their lives for their country and its cause have made the same sacrifice and are worthy of the same remembrance. Apart from this principle, it is much to be hoped that requests will not be made for permission to erect those memorial tablets which so often disfigure the walls of our churches.

"It is a different thing if the memorials desired should take the form of some permanent enrichment of the church, such as e.g. a stained glass window. But speaking generally, I am sure that the principle which I have stated is right."

ADDITIONAL FURNITURE STORE

The County Skating Rink, Dumpton Park-drive, has been requisitioned on behalf of Ramsgate Town Council as an additional place for the storage of salvaged furniture.

The Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) has been authorised to settle all claims received in respect of the cost of removing furniture from houses damaged in air raids up to a maximum of £5 in each case.

GETTING TOGETHER

COUNCILLORS AND WORKERS AT SAME TABLE

Indicative, perhaps, of Great Britain's "New Order," employees of Ramsgate Corporation may soon be sitting round the same table as members of the Council.

The Works Committee have already approved the principle of a joint committee consisting of councillors and employees and the matter has been referred for detailed consideration to Council in committee.

Under the constitution of the Joint Industrial Council, of which the Town Council are members, the establishment of "Works Committees," composed of representatives of workpeople and employers, is contemplated.

The objects of such committees are that the workpeople should be given a wider interest in, and greater responsibility for, the conditions under which they work; that the regulations contained in collective agreements drawn up by the National Council and by Provincial Councils should be enforced in all departments of the service to which they apply; and the prevention of misunderstanding and friction.

A request has been submitted to the Town Council through the National Union of General and Municipal Workers for the establishment of such a committee composed of nine representatives of the employees and nine members of the Council.

While the Works Committee agree in principle to the establishment of such a committee, they feel that its composition should be limited to five employees and five members of the Council elected to represent the various departments primarily concerned.

AWAITING ADAPTORS

RAMSGATE'S LOCAL ALERT

Reports presented to Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday show that during September the War Emergency Committee were doing all in their power to provide a satisfactory local air raid alarm.

The latest report, dated 22nd September, stated that the Town Clerk reported an interview with the Regional Alarms Officer upon the question of sounding the local public warning at night. The Town Clerk submitted for the consideration of the Committee a number of points raised by the Regional Officer.

"The committee feel," states the report, "that in view of the fact that a large proportion of the air raids suffered by Ramsgate have taken place during the night, it is desirable that the local warning should be sounded and authorised the Town Clerk to reply to the Regional Alarms Officer accordingly."

When the committee met on 12th September they considered the provision of a system of alarm within the alert and the Borough Engineer reported that he had received a communication from an engineering firm intimating that six adaptors ordered in connection with the system would be dispatched at the earliest possible opportunity.

In view of the further delay which seemed likely in connection with the delivery of the adaptors the committee decided that a temporary system of alarm within the alert should be provided and authorised all necessary arrangements for the temporary use of the hooter at the Gas Works.

The same matter had previously been considered by the committee on 8th September.

SHANAHAN—KELSEY

POLICE OFFICER'S BRIDE

Cadets of the Air Training Corps formed a guard of honour outside St. Augustine's Abbey Church, Ramsgate, on Tuesday, after the wedding of Mr. William Francis Shanahan, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Shanahan, of Co. Tipperary, Eire, to Miss Ena Phyllis Kelsey, daughter of Mrs. E. M. Kelsey and the late Mr. C. W. Kelsey, of North-avenue, Ramsgate.

The bridegroom, who is a popular member of the Ramsgate Borough Police Force, acts as drill instructor to the Ramsgate Flights of the A.T.C., and the bride, a well-known teacher of dancing, is at present engaged in the Civil Defence ambulance service.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Aidan McArdle, O.S.B., and Mr. H. Haworth presided at the organ.

The bride, given away by her mother, wore a turquoise blue two-piece suit, with brown hat and accessories, and carried a bouquet of pink rosebuds. She was attended by her sister, Miss Mary Kelsey, who wore a brown coat-frock, with sable cape and brown hat.

Mr. S. Winter carried out the duties of best man.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Woodville, Marlborough-road, where over 30 telegrams of congratulation were received and many useful presents were on view.

For the honeymoon, which is being spent in the country, the bride travelled in a brown coat-frock and hat.

WARDENS KEPT BUSY

CENSUS—GAS MASKS—WATER SUPPLY

Raids or no raids, there is always plenty of work for the Ramsgate Wardens Service—cinderella of the A.R.P.

Recently the Wardens completed another census of the population.

At the present time they are engaged on visiting every occupied house in the town to inspect respirators. If the slightest fault is detected respirators are being taken to headquarters for repair and overhaul.

Having visited all occupied houses, the Wardens will then visit unoccupied houses to change the water in receptacles left for fire-fighting purposes.

HARBOUR MASTER'S CAR

Ramsgate Harbour Master (Lieut.-Comdr. H. J. Maynard) is to be given a car allowance of £50 a year.

Making the recommendation, which was approved at the monthly meeting of the Town Council on Thursday, the Finance Committee stated that it was essential that the Harbour Master should have the use of a car for the proper conduct of the harbour.

Following the resignation of Miss Y. Bligh, temporary shorthand-typist in the Harbour Department, H. S. Pay, junior clerk, has been appointed to fill the vacancy and his wages have been increased to 25s. per week, plus bonus.

COURAGE AND SKILL

RESCUE PARTIES PRAISED

Ramsgate Town Council have recorded their appreciation of the courage and skill shown by members of the Rescue Parties and the able leadership displayed by Mr. W. H. Gibson.

On the occasion of a recent air raid, stated the report of the A.R.P. Committee, presented to the Council on Thursday, their work was carried out under difficult and hazardous conditions.

The report also stated that the Sub-Controller reported generally on the arrangements made following the raid and the committee's attention was called to the manner in which Mr. and Mrs. Woods carried out their usual duties at the Rest Centre after they had been rescued from their house, which had received a direct hit, and of the valuable assistance given at the Rest Centre by Councillor and Mrs. T. H. Prestedge.

MAIN DRAINAGE

IN MAIN TUNNEL SHELTER

At a cost of over £2,000 a water borne system of main drainage is to be provided in a portion of Ramsgate tunnel shelters.

The Borough Engineer, Mr. R. D. Brimmell, has reported to the A.R.P. Committee that the system can be provided in the main tunnel for a distance of approximately 1,200 yards connecting with the main sewer at the seaward end of the tunnel, which, together with three sets of lavatories for both sexes, will cost £2,200. To this figure must be added the sum of £500, being the estimated cost of reinstating the ballast and lines in due course.

The drain will be laid along the line of the railway track and the estimate includes the cost of taking up the track. Thus the expenditure of £700 approved by the Council for filling in the track, leaving the rails in position, will not be incurred.

Estimates amounting to £169 for the provision of two additional medical aid posts in the tunnels have been been approved.

COUNCIL OF READERS

WHY?

Sir,—I fail to understand the purport of the remark reported to have been made during a case at Ramsgate by the Chairman of the bench.

He is stated to have said:

"Of course you would proceed against a magistrate if he failed to carry out the Order?"

to which the Chief Constable replied:

"I am afraid I should have to. In war-time you have to proceed against your own friends, but you don't like doing it. It is not personal in any way. . . ."

Are we to imply, therefore, that magistrates should not be prosecuted if and when they break the law, and that Chief Constables do not take action against their erring "friends" except in war-time?

QUIZZ.

[What the Chief Constable probably intended to convey is that it is well nigh impossible for anyone—even a magistrate—to avoid doing something that is considered an offence in war-time.—Ed.]

WARNING TO RETAIL TRADERS

Sir,—The Regional Price Regulation Committee for Kent and Sussex has recently come across a number of cases in which goods of a class in which the demand largely exceeds the supply are being offered to retail tradesmen over the counter by persons who do not give their names and addresses and who give no invoices for the goods or receipts for the money paid to them.

Although the Committee have every sympathy with the tradesman who sees an opportunity of getting goods for which he knows he has a ready purchaser which he sees no opportunity of obtaining otherwise, it is obvious that this practice opens a door to considerable abuse. Consequently the Board of Trade have recently issued an Order requiring that where price regulated goods are sold in the course of a business or bought in the course of another business, the seller shall furnish an invoice containing particulars of the transaction within seven days of the delivery of the goods. The invoice must show (a) the name of the seller and the address of his principal place of business (b) the name of the buyer and the address to which the goods are being or will be sent (c) a sufficient description of the goods to which the invoice related and in particular the number or quantity (d) the prices paid or charged or agreed to be paid or charged for each item (e) the date of the sale or contract of sale of each item.

I have thought it advisable to write you this letter as I hope that it will have the effect of bringing the existence of the Order to the attention of the retail tradesmen generally and particularly to those in a comparatively small way of business who might not yet have had their attention called to it. Quite apart from the question of the price at which the goods are subsequently sold, the mere purchase and sale of goods without an invoice is a breach of the Order and may entail substantial penalties.

"Price Regulated Goods" are goods covered by the Goods and Services (Price Control) Acts, 1939 and 1941, and include most goods in general domestic use, except foodstuffs.

A. W. STAMP,
Secretary.

1 Culverden Gardens,
Tunbridge Wells.

A FIRM LINE WITH RAILINGS

A suggestion that the appropriate committee should take a "firm line" when considering the removal of steel railings on private property to assist the war effort was made by Councillor P. Turner at the October meeting of Ramsgate Town Council.

Councillor Turner said there was bound to be a lot of controversy on the subject and the appropriate committee should not be too easy in granting exemptions whether the houses were of large rateable value or small.

The Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe): I will ask the chairman to make a note of it.

Alderman C. Woodhams (chairman of the Works Committee): I have made a note of it.

Councillor W. Hawkins: Might I suggest an Artistic Committee!

Rouse & Shine! Show a Leg! Lash up and stow!

Generations of British sailor men have been aroused in their hammocks by the shrill scream of the Bosun's pipe, followed by the orders quoted above. They have tumbled out to lash up their hammocks and double nimbly to action stations in the King's ships.

COMMANDER STEPHEN KING-HALL, R.N., M.P.

ONCE A FORTNIGHT a true story will be told here of what your seamen are doing through arduous, perilous, and continuous exertions to keep in being those life-lines, those sea routes upon which our liberties, lives and assurance of victory do chiefly depend.

These sailor men cheerfully pay the price of Admiralty. Will you do something for the sea services which are doing so much for you?

It is my privilege to introduce to you the well-known naval officers who will tell you at first hand each fortnight something of what the sea services are doing. The contributors to this series will include Commander Anthony Kimmins, R.N., Commander A. B. Campbell, R.D. and Captain "Taffrail" Dorling, D.S.O., R.N.

So muster on deck in your millions all you members of the ship's company of this nation and give the Royal Navy and the Merchant Service a helping hand. A long pull and a strong pull is needed on the tackle of war savings.

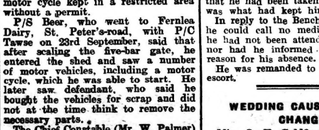
The call is "CLEAR LOWER DECK! All hands fore and aft to spend less and SAVE MORE". Every penny saved releases labour and material which can be used to help our seamen by building more ships. Spend *less;* save *more;* ease the burden of the Battle of the Atlantic.

"Rouse and Shine! Save a shilling! Save a pound! Lash up spending! Stow away savings".

Stephen King-Hall

THE SIGNAL IS SAVE

What you can do to help the Navy. Go to a Post Office or your Bank or Stockbroker and put your money into 3% Savings Bonds 1955-65, or 3% Defence Bonds; or buy Savings Certificates; or deposit your savings in the Post Office or Trustee Savings Banks.



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OVER FIVE-BAR GATE

DISCOVERY IN DAIRY YARD

Climbing a five-bar gate, two Margate police officers gained admission to a dairy yard in whch they saw a shed, the doors of which were unfastened.

As a result, William Thomas Jarman, dairyman, of Ethelbert-road, Margate, was fined £1 at the borough police court on Wednesday for failing to surrender to the police parts of a motor cycle kept in a restricted area without a permit.

P/S Beer, who went to Fernlea Dairy, St. Peter's-road, with P/C Tawse on 23rd September, said that after scaling the five-bar gate, he entered the shed and saw a number of motor vehicles, including a motor cycle, which he was able to start. He later saw defendant, who said he bought the vehicles for scrap and did not at the time think to remove the necessary parts.

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said four vehicles were found there not immobilised, and only in the case of one had a permit been issued. On 19th August he had to send a letter of caution to defendant in respect of another vehicle.

Defendant said the cycle was bought for Home Guard work, and in due course a permit would have been issued by the military authorities. He had had it about a month.

TWO OF THE BEST

BIG WEEK AT THE ODEON

Two of the best films of the year are being screened at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

A page of dark life, fearlessly portrayed, the much-discussed film "Love On the Dole" is being shown to-day (Tuesday) and Wednesday. It is a picture of life in Lancashire during the depression and of the romance and misfortunes of young people who are at the mercy of the employment market. Banned for years, "Love On The Dole" is the indictment of a system and at the same time a sensational heart-thrilling drama. The leading parts are taken by Deborah Kerr and Clifford Evans.

Carmen Miranda, the Brazilian bombshell, crashes her way to fame in "That Night in Rio," which will head the bill for the last part of the week. Cast against the fascinating background of beautiful Rio de Janeiro, it features romantic rhythms, breathtaking beauty, lilting Latin love songs and all the gaiety and glitter of Rio's brilliant boulevards and colourful cafes. Added to Carmen Miranda's exotic performance is Alice Faye, more gorgeous, more alluring than ever, and Don Ameche, dashing and debonair.

COMPENSATION FOR SPECIAL CONSTABLE

Ramsgate Town Council have agreed to settle for £67 2s. 6d. the claim for compensation made by Special Constable Young for an injury sustained while he was on duty.

Costs amounting to £4 4s. are also to be paid.

FIREMAN'S CAR CLAIM

After hearing reports from the officers concerned and a letter from Mr. F. C. West, ex-Chief Officer, Ramsgate Watch Committee decided not to grant the application submitted by Fireman Pryor for compensation in respect of a period during which he alleged that his private car was used for fire brigade purposes.

HE WAS TAKEN QUEER

BUT DID NOT CALL THE DOCTOR

Interviewed at his home by D/C Ashby at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, Pte. Maynard Jack Charles Coleman, The Buffs, of Marden-avenue, Ramsgate, admitted that he had been absent without leave since 19th September but said he had been ill.

Two hours later, at the borough police court, Coleman, aged 22 years, pleaded guilty to being an absentee but repeated that he had been taken queer and that was what had kept him overdue.

In reply to the Bench defendant said he could call no medical evidence as he had not been attended by a doctor, nor had he informed his unit of the reason for his absence.

He was remanded to await a military escort.

WEDDING CAUSES STAFF CHANGE

Miss O. E. Goldfinch, clerk in the Town Clerk's Department of Ramsgate Corporation, has left the service of the Corporation in order to get married.

In consequence of the resignation, and the calling up for military service of other members of the staff, Mr. M. Ellender, who for some time past has acted as National Registration Clerk, has been transferred to the department.

Mr. Ellender will continue to perform his duties in connection with National Registration but owing to the transfer of certain of the registration work to regional headquarters the work to be carried out locally does not now warrant a full-time clerk.

Mr. Ellender's salary is to be £4 a week, to be apportioned between the Corporation and the Central National Registration Office.

NO RELEASE FROM THE LEASE

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee Ramsgate Town Council have decided that they cannot release Mr. George J. Egerton, the lessee of Court Stairs, Pegwell, from any of his obligations under the lease.

Mr. Egerton asked to be released from the clause providing for the payment of £500 on the early termination of the lease.

Mr. Egerton paid seven years rent in advance at the commencement of the lease and he also asked what refund the Corporation would be prepared to make in this connection in the event of the Corporation agreeing to cancel the lease.

The lease provides that the lessee may, if he so desires, determine the lease at the end of the first seven or fourteen years on the payment of £500 as liquidated damages.

TABLOID VITAMINS FOR CHILDREN

Dr. J. V. Walker, Ramsgate Medical Officer of Health, has been authorised to purchase from time to time as he may think necessary supplies of homogenised vegetable foods and scorbic acid (Vitamin C) tablets in connection with the ante-natal clinics and the clinics for pre-school children.

The clinics are now held at the Newington Health Centre.

5 PER CENT. HARDSHIP

COUNCIL SYMPATHY FOR BLITZ VICTIMS

Another example of the hardship imposed on people living in badly blitzed areas was given at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday.

Councillor W. L. Knibbs said he knew a man in the town whose premises were damaged last year and the estimate of the damage was £180. The man could not afford to have the work done but he was presented by the builders with a bill for 5 per cent. of the sum for preparing the estimate. He knew one firm who waived the 5 per cent. if they got the job of doing the work.

Subsequently the premises to which he referred were again damaged and the man had to get another estimate. It might be that certain premises would be damaged five or six times and each time the owner had to get an estimate, and each time he would be presented with a bill for 5 per cent. by the persons supplying the estimate.

Councillor Knibbs suggested that the matter should form the subject of some action on the part of the Council.

Councillor S. E. Austin agreed that the matter should be taken up for some people were suffering a great hardship. The Government asserted that any person could fill up Form C 2 V, but that was wrong. Often owner-occupiers were in quite poor circumstances and he regarded them as the heroes of the nation. He thought it would be better if the Council considered the matter in committee so that with the help of the officials they could frame some resolution which they could send to other badly blitzed areas asking for their support.

It was agreed that the matter should be raised in Council in committee.

EXPERIMENT FAILS

LATE MEALS NOT WANTED

Yielding reluctantly to pressure from the Thanet Trades Council, Ramsgate Town Council recently opened the British Restaurant at Ellington from 5 to 7 p.m. for the provision of hot meals for workers unable to attend the mid-day session.

The daily attendances during the 11 days for which the experiment was made were: 4; 7; 5; 0; 0; 3; 3; 3; 4; 2; 3.

The Communal Feeding Committee reported to the Council on Thursday that they were satisfied the facilities afforded were generally known among the late workers in the town and that they were prepared to continue the arrangements if the results proved that the late session would be an economical proposition.

In view, however, of the small number attending, the committee felt they would not be justified in continuing the late session, which was discontinued from 25th September.

IN PRIVATE

CONSULTING ROOM FOR RATEPAYERS

Recently Broadstairs Council agreed that it would be a good idea to provide an office for the Rating Officer, Mr. W. H. B. White, to enable ratepayers to consult him privately.

To carry the idea into effect the General Purposes Committee have now authorised the Surveyor to proceed with the erection, by direct labour, of an extension to the southern end of Pierremont Hall consisting of a brick foundation and wooden superstructure.

The erection of a more permanent building on the brick foundations is contemplated at the conclusion of hostilities

MARKS KEEPS GOAL INTACT

Marks, the Arsenal and R.A.F. goalkeeper, who was trained by the late Jack Lambert in the Arsenal nursery at Hartsdown, Margate, kept goal for England against Scotland at Wembley on Saturday.

England won by two goals to nil and the critics, agreeing that Marks gave an outstanding display, suggested that he should be retained as England's goalkeeper "for keeps."

SECOND MILITARY BALL

Both popular in Ramsgate—Frederic Hargraves' Knights of Swing and the Q Band will again provide the music at the second military ball which is to be held at the West Cliff Theatre next Tuesday in aid of the Mayor's Services Comforts Fund.

There will be non-stop dancing from 8 p.m. till 1 a.m. and several novelty items will be staged.

The admission charge is 2s. 6d.—service or evening dress preferred—but members of the Forces below commissioned rank will be admitted on payment of 1s. 6d.

THANET FAMILIES UNITED

Two well-known Thanet families were united by a wedding which took place at St. Peter's Church, Bridge, on Thursday.

The bridegroom was Mr. Edward Robert Wood, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wood, of 7 Montefiore-avenue, Ramsgate, and the bride was Miss Muriel Sanger Sayer, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Sayer, of Cleve Court Farm, Monkton.

BIRCHINGTON

Birthday Trip.—In celebration of his 87th birthday, Mr. Henry Alfred Amos, of No. 7 Gordon-square, Birchington, last week enjoyed a car trip round Thanet. Until eight years ago Mr. Amos was employed as a steam-roller driver. He has lived in his preent home for 58 years.

WHIST Scoring Cards.—The cheapest in the district at the "Advertiser" Printing Works, Church-hill, Ramsgate.

England's Victory

RAID VICTIMS' CONTRIBUTION

In the October issue of Christ Church Parish Magazine, Ramsgate, the Vicar, the Rev. P. M. Townend, writes:

"During the course of the war we in this parish have suffered sadness at the hands of the enemy. It is, as you know, the custom here in the 'front line' to honour the funeral of those killed by direct enemy action by covering the coffin with the Union Jack, the central feature of which is, of course, the symbol of our Christian faith, the cross, in the colour of blood (red) upon a ground of holiness (white).

"Several from the parish have been so honoured, and our sympathy is sincerely extended to those nearest and dearest to these who have thus laid down their lives for their friends. For that is what it means. When our lads join up to fight for us and for our country's freedom they face death and are prepared to meet it, although it cannot be said that they choose it. Similarly, persons living in the target areas equally face death and are prepared to meet it, although, of course, they do not choose it. And so, because they have died either actively or passively in resistance to the common enemy, the flag is used in token that their country recognises this. They have made their full contribution to England's victory.

"Let this thought dwell in the mind till we realise the purport of it: a contribution to England's victory. And do not underestimate the cumulative worth of much passive contribution to England's victory. Every act of patience is a passive contribution to England's victory. The whole magnificent morale of this people is built up on multiplied stores of silent strength, which is each person's passive contribution to England's victory.

"This is not to be confused with lazy slackness or complacent aloofness from the war effort. But open and apparent activity is certainly not to be given all the marks. Of a certain king in Israel it is written (see I Kings, chapter 20) 'As thy servant was busy here and there he was gone.' It is possible to be over-occupied with lesser and minor activities, even trivialities, while the real issue is escaping notice.

"England's victory has to be a deep, fundamental, overwhelming establishment of sheer moral goodness, overthrowing by force of arms the arms of force, so that Christian character and the will of God may be ascendant upon earth. Every act of worship therefore addressed to God in Church with this intent: every act of calm fortitude silently maintained at home in the night when death roars overhead: each of these is a contribution to England's victory, and builds into England's moral fibre that quality of overcoming strength which is victory.""

IN SAME CAMP

TWO MORE RAMSGATE MEN SAFE

News has been received that two Ramsgate Royal Artillerymen, reported missing following the Battle of Crete, are at the same German prison camp—Stalag III D.

They are Sergt. George Carter and Gnr. Norman Ralph Peete.

Mrs. E. Carter, who lives at 10 Vincent-row, Ramsgate, has received a card from her husband saying he is well. He states that Stalag III D is a permanent camp and ask for cigarettes, tobacco and chocolate.

Mrs. Carter, who was formerly a Miss Todd, had a premonition that her husband had been killed at the time of the Battle of Crete. Later he was reported missing and although his name was included in a list of prisoners broadcast from Germany, the postcard was the first definite news Mrs. Carter had that her husband was safe.

A postcard also brought the news of the safety of her husband to Mrs. Gwen Peete, of 38 Belmont-road, Ramsgate.

Gnr. Peete has a long list of requirements. He asked his wife to send him a pullover, gloves, socks, pants and vests, soap, cigarettes and cigarette tobacco, chocolates, biscuits and cake, and anything else she could think of. And he would like them soon.

Mrs. Peete also heard a German radio announcement that her husband was a prisoner.

WASTED MAN-POWER

Ramsgate Town Council are supporting a resolution submitted by the borough of Maidstone protesting against the waste of man-power involved in the proposal of the Home Office Fire Service Department to appoint large clerical and administrative staffs in the National Fire Service to perform routine administrative duties formerly carried out by the staffs of local authorities, and asking the Minister of Labour and National Service to approach the Secretary of State on the matter.

DENTAL SCHEME FOR MOTHERS

The Health Committee of Ramsgate Town Council have approved a scheme submitted by the Medical Officer (Dr. J. V. Walker) for the dental treatment of expectant and nursing mothers and pre-school children, which has been accepted by the two dentists practising in the town.

Applicants for treatment under the scheme are required to submit a statement of income, and the particulars are then passed on to the committee for a decision as to any payment to be required.

KELLY HITS HARD IN IRELAND

Fighting now as a light-heavyweight, Corpl. Harry Kelly, R.A.F., the well-known Ramsgate amateur boxer, is still doing big things in the ring.

In the Crown and Windsor Amateur Boxing Club's tournament at Ulster Hall, Belfast, Kelly defeated Civic Guard F. Gallagher, of Dublin.

Kelly, who now hits harder than ever, put his man down in the sixth round. Gallagher struck his head heavily on the boards but the bell saved him from the k.o. decision. Gallagher was still unconscious when taken from the ring and did not recover until several hours later.

Kelly is no stranger in Ireland, having represented England in Dublin and Belfast in 1938.

"The State cannot prevent sin and has not been created to do so, but it can prevent the chaos that is the result of sin."—The Rev. C. H. Bailey, Rector of Broadstairs.

BUSINESS FIREWATCHERS

HOW THEY WILL BE PAID

After endeavouring at a largely attended meeting held at Clarendon House, Ramsgate, on Wednesday, to explain the Fire Prevention (Business Premises) (No. 2) Order, 1941, the Borough Surveyor, Mr. R. D. Brimmell, as Fire Co-Ordinating Officer, was bombarded for nearly an hour with questions put by traders anxious to clear up obscure points in the regulations.

Questions were also answered by the Borough Treasurer, Mr. H. Oliver Jones.

Only once were they stumped. This was when a woman in the audience, referring to the question of the payment of watchers under the scheme, wanted to know what the position was in cases of "mixed" groups.

She said she was a member of a group engaged in watching an area composed partly of small business premises and partly of private houses. How were the payments to be made?

Mr. Brimmell admitted that he was unable at short notice to answer the question, and asked the questioner to call at his office later when he would endeavour to advise her on the point she raised.

49 Pages of Explanation.

In the course of his statement, Mr. Brimmell said the regulations were so complex that the government had found it necessary to issue an explanatory pamphlet of 49 pages.

The Business Premises order, with which they were concerned, had nothing whatever to do with the ordinary fire watching regulations, and the present order also superseded the order issued in January of this year and the old fire watching order of September, 1940.

The principal change brought about by the new order was that the government now recognised that the cost of reimbursing the subsistence allowance should be a charge on the Exchequer.

There was no idea that the present group system should be altered, and the main basis of the order was that business premises should be watched efficiently every day of the week. Although under the order everyone was liable to compulsory enrolment as a watcher, that did not mean that everyone need watch.

An employer by engaging a paid watcher could himself get out of watching under the Order, but if he did not take his part in watching business premises, he would come under the ordinary compulsory scheme. In Ramsgate this meant that if an employer by the engagement of a paid watcher evaded duty at his own premises, he might find himself compelled to join a street group in a very remote portion of the district. For this duty he would be paid a shilling a shift instead of three shillings.

Watchers under the business premises order were to be paid 3s. a shift of 12 hours or less, and higher pay if they watched for more than 12 hours at a time.

An Artful Dodge.

Later in the meeting the point was raised as to whether an unscrupulous person might not be able to take advantage of the scheme by splitting his ordinary 12 hour shift into three short shifts of four hours each and thus entitling himself to 9s. instead of 3s.

It was explained that the payments were reimbursed through the Borough Treasurer's department, and Mr. Oliver Jones said any conduct of that kind would be detected at once.

In the case of group schemes, a group could appoint one member to act as "paymaster" provided an undertaking was given by the other members of the group that they would accept that person's signature for money paid him by the Corporation.

One important point in connection with the scheme was that there had to be an assurance that the employees had been consulted with regard to anything which was done.

Mr. Brimmell was questioned closely as to the arrangements made for the proper enforcement of the Order, and of the street watching scheme.

2,200 Watchers.

He admitted frankly that this was not proceeding as well as might have been expected. In Ramsgate there were 2,200 people or more who were watching—or supposed to be watching—(laughter)—and they took a lot of looking after. Premises had been earmarked for their accommodation, and a scheme of administration was sent down by the government. This provided for head fire guards, senior fire guards and others to ensure the enforcement of the regulations.

As far back as July, Ramsgate made application for permission to appoint the necessary personnel in accordance with the government's own scheme, but up to the present no satisfaction had been received from the government.

Many representations had been made to the appropriate authorities, but they had not moved in the matter at all, and for the present, this aspect of the scheme was in abeyance.

One question asked was whether a watcher was entitled to recover travelling expenses.

The reply was given that if a watcher had to incur travelling expenses in order to carry out his duties, he could recover these from his employer, but apparently the employer could get no reimbursement.

SWIFT SPENDING

GIVES COUNCILLOR INDIGESTION

A protest against being asked to confirm a report which had been circulated only the previous day was made by Councillor P. Turner at the October meeting of Ramsgate Town Council.

Councillor Turner said the members had not had sufficient time to digest the report of the Finance Committee. To receive a report at tea-time one day for confirmation the following day was rather rushing matters.

The Finance Committee was the most important committee of the Council, dealing as it did with spending and the checking of spending of the other committees. The sum of about £200,000 was involved in the report. Twenty hours was insufficient time to consider the report. He considered the Council should insist on reports being in their hands at least 48 hours before they met to confirm them. This was not really enough time but he appreciated that there was a war on. He did not want the Council to get the idea that because there was a war on they could let such matters slide. The Prime Minister had repeatedly warned them that complacency was dangerous, and it applied to local government as well as to other spheres.

They had a certain amount of work to get through in the month and they should put a jerk into it, and get two days ahead, so that they could receive their reports in ample time.

A TANK BY CHRISTMAS

RAMSGATE'S NEW SAVINGS SLOGAN

"An almost uninterrupted tale of targets beaten, and beaten handsomely," was the verdict of the Joint Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. E. Wright) on the Ramsgate Summer Savings Campaign.

The campaign came to an end on Tuesday and at a meeting of Group Secretaries, held at Clarendon House on Wednesday, it was unanimously decided to embark on a "Tank by Christmas" campaign.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. J. H. Robinson.

Mr. Wright said that when the final figures for the Summer Campaign were known the results would prove better than they expected as to the amounts saved, as to the number of members and as to the number of new groups formed. They were a bit despondent after the first week or two of the campaign but he was now glad to be able to report that 19 new groups had been formed. They were even forming new groups in the last week of the campaign, and they would continue in the future to form new groups.

In July the average savings in Ramsgate were £2,300 per week, in August £2,360 per week and in September £2,600 per week. That showed a movement in the right direction.

Now that the campaign had come an end the committee had been asked by the Group Secretaries "What can we tell our members now?" It was obvious that they must do something to keep the interest going so the committee had met and decided on a Tank Campaign. It was hoped to save sufficient money to buy a tank by Christmas.

No details were yet available of the cost of the Crusader or the Covenanter but a Matilda could be bought for £20,000, a Valentine for £15,000, or a light tank for £10,000.

Obviously, continued Mr. Wright, the groups could not buy a tank by their savings alone so the other forms of savings in Ramsgate, such as through the Post Office and Government investments through the banks, would be added to the group savings.

Overcoming November Handicap.

Mr. Wright pointed out that more work than ever would be required to increase the amount of savings in view of the shorter hours during which secretaries could get about during the winter and the higher incidence of Income Tax as from 1st November.

In reply to a question by Mr. B. E. Bushell, Mr. Wright said that so far they had received returns from 28 groups and were awaiting the returns from the remaining 24 groups. The 28 groups had between them saved during the campaign £3,386 and their membership had increased from 539 to 821. Many of the groups, of course, had not been formed until the campaign was well advanced.

Mr. W. W. Wetherill emphasised that the need to save was more urgent than ever before. The movement was helping individuals, for some people who had never saved before were saving now. People in the town would want money after the war and if they could get them to save now they would be grateful later on. There was still considerable scope for the formation of new groups.

The question as to whether groups should aim at providing a part of the tank or a monetary target was raised and it was decided to leave it to the groups to fix their own targets, with a suggestion that they should aim at an increase of 25 per cent. over their figures for the summer campaign.

Targets Exceeded.

Mr. Wright gave the following figures of some of the group returns already made:

A.R.P. (target £150), total £224 17s. 6d.; Police (£80), £171 8s.; Banks and Building Society (£65), £146 19s.; Chilton Tavern (£30), £1,015; De-an-s (High-street) (£45), £123; Cavendish Baptist Church Women's Association (£30), £32; East Kent Road Car Co. (£150), £151 9s. 6d.; "East Kent Times" (£20), £33 3s.; Fire Services (£150), £308 15s.; Food Office (£50), £60 15s.; Gas and Water (£30), £90 15s.; Grummant Bros., £26 18s. 6d.; P. G. Houghton (£25), £55 5s.; King's Theatre, £18 8s.; Marks and Spencer, £19 3s. 6d.; Municipal Officers (£65), £107 11s.; Olby's (£45), £69 4s.; Robinson and Allfree (£25), £325; St. George's Fellowship (£40), £86; St. Lawrence Laundry (£30), £44 13s.; Southern Railway, £61 17s.; Thanet Advertiser & Echo (£15), £31 0s. 6d.; South Eastern-road, £113 7s., collected in eight weeks; James Wright (£30), £48; Victoria-road (£25), £40 4s.; Margate-road (£35), £56 15s. 10d. since 9th August; Addington-street, £69 15s. in seven weeks; Crescent-road, £17 in four weeks; St. Mildred's-road, £3 16s. since 30th August; Manston-road, £7 2s. 6d. in five weeks; County Laundry (£40), £81 2s. 7d.

It was revealed that the latest group, that of the Working's Men's Club and Institute, collected £3 10s. in the first hour.

Mr. T. B. H. Tisdell, secretary of the South Eastern-road group, said his group would aim at £250 before Christmas.

Mr. Robinson expressed thanks to the Joint Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. Wright and S. H. Winter, and to the members of the committee for their hard work and congratulated them on the excellent results achieved.

The meeting has a sequel.

On Thursday morning the secretary of the High-street group went out and immediately increased the membership by 25 per cent..

Ramsgate's total savings through certificates, defence bonds and post office bank deposits amounted in September to £10,553.

FOUR NEW COUNCILLORS

Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday endorsed the recommendation of Council in committee appointing Messrs. H. Farmer, J. B. Butler, D. J. R. Smith and Dr. A. Duffy to fill vacancies on the Council.

Council in committee had had before them the names of eight candidates, all of whom, with the exception of Mr. J. B. Sharman, accepted the invitation to address the Council in support of their nominations.

The voting was as follows: H. Farmer 15, J. B. Butler 14, D. J. R. Smith 12, A. Duffy 11, P. J. R. Home 9, W. T. Peters 7, G. E. Rose 4, J. B. Sharman 3.

Mr. Butler has been assigned to the West Cliff Ward, Dr. Duffy to Southwood, Mr. Farmer to Northwood and Mr. Smith to West Central.

First reported to be a prisoner of war and subsequently to have died as a prisoner of war, Pte. F. A. Parker, The Buffs, is now officially reported to have been killed.

MR. R. I. M. MILLER WEDS

BRIDAL BOUQUETS PLACED ON BROTHER'S GRAVE

After the wedding at St. John's Church, Stone, of Mr. R. I. M. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Miller, of 6 Bellevue-road, Ramsgate, to Miss Phyllis Mary White, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White, of Stonecroft, Stone, Aylesbury, the bouquets carried by the bride and her attendants were placed on the grave of Sergt.-Pilot I. M. K. (Kim) Miller, the bridegroom's younger brother, who was killed on active service last year and interred at Thame, where the bridegroom is a member of the staff of Lord Williams School.

The church was adorned with yellow and bronze chrysanthemums, and the choral service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Wiggett, assisted by the Rev. H. Rodder, was attended by a large congregation, which included many Thanet friends.

The bride, given away by her father, looked charming in a gown of silver brocade with full train and headdress of orange blossom, mounted on uncut tulle. She carried a sheaf of lilies and wore a pearl and diamond cross, the bridegroom's gift, her present to him being a gold wristlet watch.

The bridesmaids, Miss Molly Tanton, Miss Betty Noad, friend and cousin of the bride) and the Misses Sylvia and Daphne Miller, (sisters of bridegroom) wore ankle length dresses of white matt crepe, trimmed with silver, and Juliet caps of the same material, with small veils edged with silver. They carried bouquets of red roses and wore red and white jewelled clips, gifts of the bridegroom.

Two little trainbearers wore ankle length dresses of spotted net with red sashes and wreaths of red rosebuds in their hair; their gold chain bracelets were the bridegroom's gift.

Mr. Jack Reynolds, a friend of the bridegroom, carried out the duties of best man.

After the ceremony a reception was held at which 140 guests were entertained. The presents, which were on view at Stonecroft, residence of the bride's parents, included a canteen of silver and household linen from the bride's father and mother, and a silver tea set with tray from the father and mother of the bridegroom. More than 30 congratulatory telegrams, many from old friends of the bridegroom, were received.

Later the happy pair left for Bournemouth, the bride wearing a grey tailored costume with hat to match.

LEAST SAID —

EVERGREEN QUESTION OF COAL DUES

The bewhiskered subject of the abolition of the coal dues was again raised at the October meeting of Ramsgate Town Council.

Councillor F. C. Miller said the dues went back to time immemorial and he considered they should be repealed.

The Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe): It would cost a sixpenny rate. Do you want a rate of 15s. 6d.?

Councillor Miller said one of the biggest payers of dues was the Corporation.

Asked by Alderman C. Woodhams on what he based his statement that it would cost a sixpenny rate, the Mayor said he was passing on information previously given the Council by the Borough Treasurer. It was an "evergreen" question.

Councillor T. H. Prestedge said the matter had been raised dozens and dozens of times and every member of the Council who had taken the trouble to make enquiries had been satisfied that the position was best left as it stood.

MARGATE FIRE CHIEF LEAVES

Chief Officer of Margate Fire Brigade before the formation of the National Fire Service, Mr. A. E. Twyman has left the town to take up an appointment as Acting Divisional Officer for North Kent.

Mr. A. G. Watson, Superintendent of the Margate brigade, has been appointed a Column Officer and is at present remaining at Margate, being in charge of one of the two columns which comprise Division 30, which embraces Margate.

Mr. Twyman has been associated with Margate Fire Brigade for 16 years. He joined the brigade in 1925 and received instruction from Mr. H. Hammond, whom he succeeded as Chief Officer.

For his courage and leadership following the bombing of a Kent R.A.F. station in August last year Mr. Twyman was awarded the George Medal.

FIRE CHIEF'S APPOINTMENT

Mr. F. Wain, Chief Officer to Ramsgate Fire Brigade, has been appointed to the post of Column Officer in the National Fire Service at Chatham.

"Since the National Fire Service has been established for the duration of the present war only, the committee assume that Mr. Wain will be free to resume his appointment under the Town Council on the termination of his appointment in the National Fire Service," stated the report of the Watch Committee, presented at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday.

PENCE FOR QUIET NIGHTS

Several suggestions have been made lately as to which of many crying needs shall benefit from the pence people like to put by nowadays in thankfulness for quiet nights and for dangers survived.

Mrs. Lydia H. Austen, of Bellevue-road, Ramsgate, decided that the Building Extensions Fund of Ramsgate General Hospital should benefit by her thankoffering and has forwarded the sum of 2s.

Other contributions to the fund during September were £3 3s. from Eng.-Comdr. and Mrs. John R. Targett and £1 1s. from Mr. R. W. Beckley.

The fund now stands at £10,202 14s. 6d.

KENT SCOUTS' LOSS

Kent boy scouts are mourning the death which occurred at his home, The Friars, Aylesford, on Tuesday, of their Commissioner, Mr. Copley de Liste Hewitt.

Son of the late Sir Thomas and Lady Hewitt, Mr. Copley Hewitt, who was 69 years of age, was High Sheriff of Kent from 1929-30 and Governor of Maidstone Grammar School and Dover College.

SCOTT GORDON GOING EAST

Mr. Scott Gordon's concert party, which played at the Granville Pavilion, Ramsgate, up to the outbreak of war, has been chosen as the first British concert party to go to the Middle East to entertain the troops.

A YEAR AGO

For "gallantry and determination when ferrying troops from the beaches at Dunkirk," the Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Mr. Howard Primrose Cooper Knight, coxswain of the Ramsgate lifeboat, and Mr. Edward Drake Parker, coxswain of the Margate lifeboat.

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A few days after they had gone to London for a rest from "front line" activities, a party of Ramsgate auxiliary firemen found themselves experiencing some of the worst bombing the Nazis have launched over this country.

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Paying tribute at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council to the work of the A.R.P. and A.F.S. services on the occasion of the 24th August raid, the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) said: I am sure every member would wish me to say how proud we are of the wonderful heroism shown on that occasion. I should like, on behalf of the Council and the town, to thank the services for the efficient way in which they performed their duties.

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Following a number of complaints, Ramsgate Town Council were asked to make regulations governing the use of the tunnel shelters.

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Ramsgate Town Council approved in principle the suggestion that they should take into consideration without delay the question of establishing a communal feeding centre.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

The Kent Volunteer Regiment made a brave show on Sunday when they concentrated on Canterbury for inspection. It had been arranged that they should be reviewed by Field-Marshal Lord French, Commander-in-Chief of the Home Defence Forces, but the illness of the Field-Marshal rendered his presence impossible. In his place the tour of inspection was carried out by Major-General Sir Francis Lloyd, General Officer Commanding the London District. B Company (Ramsgate) mustered 154 men under Company Commander A. W. Matthews, with Platoon Commanders A. J. Cox, T. Horne, W. F. Saull and J. S. G. Langley (Quartermaster and Secretary).

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At a private meeting of members of Ramsgate Town Council, convened by the Deputy Mayor, it was unanimously decided to invite Councillor T. S. Chayney to accept the Mayoralty for a second year of office. The prompt and decisive action which the Mayor took some months ago to secure adequate protection for the town against threatened dangers, particularly in the nature of air raids, has made his term of office a notable one.

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The death in action was reported of Second-Lieut. Norman Henry Stockdale, Lincolnshire Regiment, son of the late Mr. George Stockdale and Mrs. Stockdale, of Holmdene, Walmsley-road, Broadstairs.

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Mr. and Mrs. Schooling, of 5 Chapel-place, Ramsgate, were officially notified that their second son, Lieut. Paul Sidney Bedford Schooling, Lancashire Fusiliers, had been killed in action.

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Margate lost the services of a highly respected official by the death of Mr. John Frederick Kevis, the Borough Town Sergeant. Kevis had worthily filled his important office for many years.

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The farewell to Mr. W. H. Dickenson, who had acted as Port Missionary in Ramsgate and conducted boatmen's services at Broadstairs with so much zeal for a number of years, took place in the little Mission Hall of the Sailors' Bethel. Mr. Frank Bowen presented Mr. Dickenson with a cheque for £50.

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Lieut. P. H. Snowden, Gloucestershire Regiment, a nephew of Miss Snowden, 13 West Cliff-road, Ramsgate, and of the Rev. H. C. V. Snowden, Hildersham House, St. Peter's, was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry in action.

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The work of the Ramsgate toymakers—an industry created and organised through the happy inspiration of the Women's Local Government Association—is making excellent progress. At the woodwork factory in King-street three women and the same number of men are engaged under Mr. Colgate in carrying on as vigorous a war against the Germans as ever was waged in the trenches. They are dispelling the illusion that English people cannot make toys.

DRAIN ON STAFF

CALLING UP COUNCIL OFFICERS

Local authorities have got to be prepared to lose even more members of their staffs.

The report of the Finance Committee, presented at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday, stated that a letter was received from the Head Office of the National Association of Local Government Officers conveying the concern of the National Executive Council of the Association with the detrimental effect on the essential functions of local authorities likely to be created by the raising of the age limit for Local Government Officers to 35 years and referring to the representations made by the Executive Council to the Ministries who are concerned.

The letter referred to the warning issued by the Minister of Labour and National Service that it may be necessary to make still further demands upon Local Authorities to release more members of their staffs for service with the Forces.

The National Executive Council suggested that each local authority shall consult with its officers at an early date with a view to the appointment of substitutes and the reorganisation of the work in order to eliminate as much non-essential work as possible.

HIGHER WAGES FAVOURED

Ramsgate Town Council's representative on the Joint Industrial Council has been instructed to support a resolution, to be submitted to the Provincial Joint Industrial Council, to advance the present war wage increase for adult male employees from 8s. to 11s. per week, with 75 per cent. for adult female employees.

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50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

BOUNDARY ROAD RECREATION

At a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council Councillor Richford moved that negotiations be entered into with the Rev. J. B. Whiting with a view to the Corporation purchasing land in Boundary-road for a recreation ground. Councillor Richford pointed out the fact that the proposed recreation ground, extending to three acres, was in the centre of one of the most populous parts of the town. If they decided to buy the land for the purposes indicated it would prove a great boon, and would be a good playground for the large number of children who now crowded the Cliff Gardens and formed a nuisance to the better class of visitors. Councillor Watkins spoke strongly against the resolution, and charged Councillor Richford with bringing the matter up at the suggestion of Mr. Whiting. This Councillor Richford denied. The matter was referred to the Works Committee.

£2 POLICE INSPECTOR

In reference to the Watch Committee's report it was stated that Capt. Elgee, H.M. Inspector of Constabulary, had expressed his satisfaction at the appearance of the men and the condition of the Police Station. Alderman Sykes said Capt. Elgee had expressed the opinion that a police inspector should have been appointed for Ramsgate some years ago. It was resolved that an inspector be employed in the Police Force at a salary commencing at £2 per week, and that he be allowed uniform clothing and boot money.

COMPETING AUDITORS

Three candidates having come forward for two places as Ramsgate Borough Auditors—the old auditors, Messrs. Wilson and May, and Mr. Falcy, schoolmaster—a poll was taken at the Town Hall on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The poll was by no means heavy, although two at least of the candidates worked very hard. Shortly after nine o'clock the result of the polling was declared by Deputy Mayor Blackburn as follows: S. R. Wilson 308, E. S. May 253, G. L. Falcy 75.

COLLIDED WITH GERMANS

On Monday a fatal collision occurred in the North Sea, off Lowestoft, by which three Ramsgate fishermen lost their lives. The smack Transit, owned by Mr. Mortimer, of this port, was engaged in fishing when she was run into by a German barque and sunk. The names of those drowned are Ethelbert Powell, Arthur Sweetman and —. Robinson.

HOME FROM CRETE

In the October issue of Broadstairs "Church Magazine," the Rector, the Rev. C. H. Bailey, writes:

"Yesterday I had the welcome sight of seeing Stephen Fagg walk into my study. He was wounded in his bad leg and sent home from the Eastern Mediterranean. But he now looks very fit and after some leave is to have a spell of shore service.

"He greatly enjoyed the first months of his time in the East, but certainly had a pretty grim time during the Battle of Crete, as indeed had all the Navy. Luckily for him the fourth officer on the merchant ship in which he returned was Cyril Ratcliffe."

An "In Memoriam" notice in the Magazine to Martin Thomas Fagg, who was killed in action in August while serving in the Navy as an artificer, states that he was hoping to be ordained after the war and serve as a Naval chaplain. He was on board a corvette that was sunk while guarding a convoy in the Bay of Biscay after he had been at sea only three weeks.

IF WINTER COMES

In order to assist highway authorities to deal with the clearance of heavy falls of snow during the coming winter, the Ministry of War Transport, as an exceptional war-time measure, is to make grants to local authorities from the Road Fund at the rate of 50 per cent. of the initial cost of snow ploughs and the necessary adaptation of mechanically propelled vehicles for propelling them.

Ramsgate Borough Engineer has been requested to make enquiries and to obtain quotations with a view to the purchase of a snow plough by the Town Council.

EARLIER SUNDAY CINEMAS

Provided that one performance only is given, Ramsgate Town Council have consented to cinemas being opened on Sundays at 6 p.m.

The hour at which the cinemas were opened last winter was 6.30 p.m. and this was varied by the Council for the summer months to 7 p.m.

The cinema proprietors asked that for the winter period commencing Sunday next the hour of opening should be 6 p.m. and the Watch Committee recommended that the application be granted.

WIFE HEARS FROM GERMANY

A former member of Ramsgate Schoolboys Fletcher Trophy football team, Bdr. Francis Scoates, R.A., who was reported missing in June, is now known to be a prisoner of war in Germany.

His wife, Mrs. M. Scoates, now living at Sutton Coldfield, has received a card from her husband.

MR. CHURCHILL'S THANKS

To messages from the Mayors of Ramsgate and Margate congratulating him upon his appointment as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Prime Minister telegraphed in reply "Very grateful for congratulations from yourself and burgesses.—Winston Churchill."

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MARGATE

With the R.A.F.—The sixth member of Margate Borough Police Force to be accepted for training as a pilot in the R.A.F.V.R., P/C Leonard Adlington, has reported for duty.

Soldier Hires a Car.—When Dvr. Frank Saunders, R.A., was summoned at Margate on Wednesday for driving a hackney carriage motor car he had hired without a license on 17th August, it was emphasised that Army permits only allowed the holders to drive Army vehicles. A fine of 10s. was imposed.

His Bad Memory.—William Ernest Taylor, of Westfield-road, Margate, blamed his bad memory when he was fined £1 and ordered to pay 5s. costs at Sittingbourne police court for driving a car without a license. The license expired on 26th May and Inspr. Broughton remarked that defendant's memory was seven months overdue.

MINSTER.

Monkton Whist.—Winners at a whist drive held at Monkton Men's Institute on Tuesday were Mr. Read, Mrs. Sayer, Dvr. Morley, Sergt. Mullire and L/Bdr. Harris.

Methodist Thanksgiving. — Harvest thanksgiving services at Minster Methodist Church last week were conducted in the morning by Mr. W. E. Packer and in the evening by the Superintendent Minister (Rev. F. J. Bomford). At the evening service the choir sang "Come, ye thankful people, come," and "Giver of the Harvest." The soloist was Mr. W. Horton and Mr. J. Robertson presided at the organ. A further service was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening when the gifts were sold by Mr. H. Cro. The proceeds will be devoted to local church funds.

A CASE OF MAKING YOUR OWN BED—

It has been reported to the War Emergency Committee of Ramsgate Town Council that, in connection with the mutual aid scheme for gas and water undertakings, it is necessary to purchase appoximately 100 mattresses and 200 blankets for use of men arriving in the borough in the event of an emergency.

From correspondence with the Regional Authorities it appears that at present there is no authority under which the cost can rank for grant but the committee have decided that it is essential that the mattresses and blankets should be provided notwithstanding the fact that the whole of the cost may have to be borne by the Council.

FOLLOWING HIS BROTHER

Recent examination successes at Chatham House School included that of Paul Powell, of 35 Effingham-street, Ramsgate, who obtained the London University Higher Schools Certificate with exemption from Intermediate B.Sc. (engineering). He has since been awarded one of the new state bursaries and is proceeding to take a two-year course in civil engineering at the Imperial College of Science and Technology (City and Guilds).

His elder brother, Raymond, who was also a pupil at Chatham House, gained a scholarship to the same college some seven or eight years ago.

NEWS OF THOSE ON SERVICE

Readers are invited to send to The Editor, "Advertiser & Echo," with a view to publication, details concerning Thanet men serving with H.M. Forces who become war casualties, and concerning whom official information has been received from the appropriate Service Department.

News of decorations awarded, promotions and other items of similar interest will be particularly welcomed.

The Editor also welcomes the submission of photographs, which will be published free of charge to relatives.

The "Advertiser & Echo" is pleased to undertake this service on behalf of the many Thanet people evacuated to other parts of the country, whom their local newspaper keeps in touch with their friends and events at home.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Children Immunised.—Since December 255 children in Ramsgate have completed a course of immunisation from diphtheria.

Government to Pay.—The Government are to reimburse Ramsgate Town Council the total cost of providing six static water basins, which are being provided at a cost of £10,974 7s. 10d.

Ellington School Grounds.—The Gas and Water Department of Ramsgate Town Council have agreed to accept responsibility for the maintenance of the grounds of Ellington New School.

Piano Wanted.—A piano is wanted for a light A.A. battery. Offers will be welcomed in the first place at Four Winds, Brockenhurst-road, Ramsgate ('phone 259).

W.V.S. Offices.—Ramsgate Town Council have approved the expenditure of £20 on alterations and renovations to the Women's Voluntary Services offices at No. 14 Effingham-street.

Births and Deaths.—During July and August the births were registered at Ramsgate of 13 children (8 boys, 5 girls), and the deaths were registered of 11 males and 11 females.

New Fire Station.—Alterations and adaptations are being carried out at a cost of £136 to a Ramsgate N.F.S. Sub-Station, which is to be used in substitution for the sub station formerly located at the Star Garage.

Pension for Policeman's Widow.—The Watch Committee of Ramsgate Town Council have granted a pension of £30 per annum to the widow of ex-P/C Page, to whom they have also expressed their sympathy in her loss.

Mutual Aid.—To enable the Ramsgate Rescue Services to function under the mutual aid scheme a suitable vehicle for transport is to be provided free from the Ministry of War Transport Vehicle Pool.

Things We are Wanting to Buy—Old Gold, Silver and Silver Plated goods, Field Glasses and Jewellery, and we offer good prices. Prosser and Newbury, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Genuine Food.—Six samples of milk, four of custard powder, two of sausage and spiced rolls and one each of sardines and onion extract, recently taken for analysis by the Ramsgate Sanitary Inspector, Mr. E. Young, have all been certified as genuine.

Coal Contract.—In view of the present emergency, and the difficulty of obtaining tenders, Ramsgate Corporation's contract with Messrs. Perry and Co. Ltd. for the supply of coal to the harbour has been renewed on the same terms and conditions for a further year.

Filing Equipment.—In order to deal with the large increase in correspondence due to war conditions, and in view of the calling up for war service of members of the staff, a new filing system is to be introduced in Ramsgate Town Clerk's Department at a cost not exceeding £60.

Casualty Services' Club.—Members of the social club formed in connection with Ramsgate Casualty Services are to use a room on the ground floor at Curtis House as a recreation room, the Town Council being responsible for lighting and provision of fuel during the winter months to the extent of 2 cwts of coke a week.

Templars See Vicar's Films.—A film show was given by the Vicar of Ramsgate (Rev. C. R. Farnsworth) at a meeting of the Advance Lodge of Good Templars, held at the Foresters' Hall, Ramsgate, last week. Mrs. R. A. Watt, Chief Templar, presided, and the meeting closed with the Templar intercession service for sick and evacuated friends and members of H.M. Forces.

Coupons for Expectant Mothers.—The operation of the scheme for the issue of additional clothing coupons to expectant mothers has been undertaken by the Ramsgate Medical Officer of Health (Dr. J. V. Walker), and is working satisfactorily. Dr. Walker has been congratulated by the Health Committee on his report for 1940, details of which have already appeared in the ADVERTISER & ECHO.

Keeping Out the Black-out.—A devotional programme arranged by Miss Coleman opened the new session of the Sunbeam Lodge of Good Templars at the Foresters' Hall, Ramsgate, on Wednesday. Mr. W. H. Jacobsen, D.C., who presided, said intoxicating drink was still spoiling the lives of men, dimming vision and blunting endeavour. Good Templary had a definite part to play in the great fight between good and evil and in the lodge-room they could practice the cultivation of the beautiful and so help to keep out the black-out. A short reading was contributed by Miss A. Coleman, V.T., and solos were rendered by Miss D. Eastes, accompanied by Mrs. Watt.

EX-MINISTER SENTENCED

Raymond E. Bradford Young, a former pastor of the Congregational Church, Sandwich, was sentenced at Torquay last week to 12 months imprisonment for the theft of jewellery and money of the total value of £569, ment had asked them to keep it under hotel.

Replying to the charge, he said he considered hotel guests were too careless with their jewellery when the management had asked them to keep it under lock and key.

Accused resigned from the Sandwich Cangregational Church in 1933, following a statement from the pulpit in which he said he was giving up the pastorate because his occupancy of the pulpit was an embarrassment to the church. He also attacked what he described as the effeminacy of the Free Churches, and the quarrelsomeness of congregations, adding that he would sooner earn his living with a pick and shovel than in the ministry.

For a time after leaving the ministry he attempted to organise services in cinemas. His convictions for theft date from the year 1938.

FREE RAIL FARES FOR C.D. WORKERS

Ramsgate Civil Defence personnel are to benefit under the scheme for free holiday rail fares for whole-time workers in heavily raided areas.

The scheme is retrospective as from 1st June but the procedure proposed in future is that the local authority should purchase the travelling tickets, taking advantage of any reduced fare arrangements, and hand them to the persons concerned.

PORTABLE PUMPING UNITS

On the advice of the Regional Engineer, Ministry of Health, two portable pumping units have been ordered for the Isle of Thanet group under the water supplies mutual aid scheme.

The units will be available in case of emergency to pump water from any available well, and will be complete with storage tanks.

The cost of £350 is to be borne by the Thanet towns in the group.

WAR RESERVE COMMENDED

The Watch Committee of Ramsgate Town Council have endorsed the commendation by the borough justices of War Reserve Constable Wilmott, in connection with the apprehension and conviction of two men for theft.

JUSTICES' CLERKSHIP

Mr. E. A. Knight, assistant to the late Mr. J. Thorn Drury, Clerk to the Ramsgate justices, has been appointed Acting Clerk until the appointment of a new Clerk.

BROADSTAIRS

Chairs for Canterbury.—Broadstairs Council have agreed to loan 1,000 deck chairs to Canterbury City Council for use in Rest Centres.

Shifting a Pillar-Box.—The pillar-box near the Picture House, High-street, Broadstairs, is being moved higher up the road to the junction with Queen's-road.

Changed Approach.—The approach to Pierremont Hall, Broadstairs, from High-street has been considerably changed by the removal of the railings and a large number of dangerous trees.

Hospital Fund Donation.—A donation of £1 15s. has been received from the Neptune Hall, Broadstairs, per Bro. R. Hardwick, for the Broadstairs and St. Peter's Amalgamated Societies Hospital Fund.

In Case of Snow.—Local firms are being asked by Broadstairs Council to submit estimates for the construction of a snow-plough, half the cost of which would be paid for by a grant from the Road Fund.

Planning.—In connection with post-war planning Broadstairs Council are prepared to review their decision regarding any rebuilding or reconstruction on the sites of the Royalty Cinema and adjoining properties.

Sailing Club's Store.—For the duration of hostilities Broadstairs Council have agreed to accept a nominal rent of 5s. a year instead of £1 10s. from Broadstairs Sailing Club in respect of a store on the pier.

Parish Church Offerings.—Offerings at Broadstairs Parish Church during September amounted to £25 4s. 9d. Of this sum £4 14s. was sent to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund and £5 to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

Which Will It Be?—Mr. H. F. Davis who has rented a flat at York Gate House, Broadstairs, from 25th July last, "for the period of one year or for the duration of the war whichever is the less," has been given permission by the Council to keep a dog.

Unnecessary Railings.—When the survey of railings in Broadstairs and St. Peter's has been completed, a schedule of unnecessary railings will be submitted by the Surveyor, Mr. S. W. Richardson, to the General Purposes Committee of the Council.

Still Going Strong.—Formerly a member of the Kent County Constabulary, stationed at St. Peter's, Mr. George Crayford, of The Shallows, St. Peter's Footpath, recently celebrated his 93rd birthday. When he left the force Mr. Crayford opened a tea-garden at The Shallows.

Target Reached.—In February the Broadstairs British Red Cross and St. John War Organisation Prisoners of War Parcels Fund set out to reach £100 by the end of the year. With three months yet to go the sum of £103 has been collected. September contributions amounted to £13.

Advice to House Owner.—To obtain a reduction of the amount of rates payable on a house at Kingsgate, the owner has been informed by Broadstairs Council the best course to pursue is to apply for the amendment of the present assessment as the Council cannot agree to accept payment of 2s. 6d. a week in respect of the liability.

Old Comrades' Whist.—Mrs. Pallant, wife of the chairman, distributed the prizes at the weekly whist drive of the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association, held at the Rose Inn. The winners were Mr. Lawrence, Mrs. Harty, Mrs. Fowler, Mr. Silvas, Miss Jenkins and Mrs. Rudland. A special prize was won by Mrs. Newing. Mr. Thirkettle was M.C.

Thanksgiving.—The Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie preached at the harvest thanksgiving services at Queen's-road Church, Broadstairs, last week. Mrs. Gifford, Miss Benham, Mrs. Beach, Miss Rogers, Miss Eastland and Miss Green were largely responsible for the decorations. Gifts were distributed to the sick and needy and the remainder sent to Margate and Ramsgate Hospitals. Collections and donations amounted to £10 5s. 11d.

The Home Fires.—In the October issue of St. Peter's "War-Time News Sheet," the Rev. R. D. d'E Meredith, referring to the approach of the long winter evenings, pleads the cause of lonely people. "Remember, those of you who have cheery family parties," he writes, "it is not much fun sitting alone in a blacked-out room for long evenings, and a short visit or an invitation from next door can make such a lot of difference. We must keep the home fires burning, not only on our hearths but in our hearts."

Holy Trinity Harvest.—Harvest thanksgiving services at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, last week, were conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. H. Bailey). The church was decorated by Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Bathurst, Mr. Butt, Master Booth-Clibborn, Miss Cook, Mr. F. Carey, Mrs. Croft, Mrs. E. Darby, Miss Garner, Miss George, Mrs. Holt, Miss Hindley, Mrs. Humphrey, Miss Holmes, Mrs. Ingram, Miss Ingram, Miss Mann, Mrs. Reader and Miss Rosher. Gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables were afterwards sent to Ramsgate General Hospital.

SCATTERED PARTS

TWO MORE MOTORISTS FINED

Two further summonses for failing to surrender to the police parts of cars for which no permits had been granted were heard by Ramsgate magistrates on Monday.

Robert Kirke, aged 43, motor mechanic, whose address was given as Abdale-road, Liverpool, wrote to the court stating that the engine and gear box of the car in respect of which he was summoned were at Knight's Garage and the chassis and body were at Pegwell. He thought the distributor cap was cracked and in that event it would not be of any use.

P/C Bates said he saw defendant at his home in Mayforth-gardens on 28th July and asked him why he had not surrendered the rotor arm and distributor cap. Defendant replied that he did not know it was necessary. He said he had removed the parts and taken them to his home. The parts had not since been surrendered.

The officer corroborated the fact that the engine of the car was in one part of the town and the body in another. There was no rotor arm or distributor cover on the engine when he saw it.

Defendant was fined 10s.

A similar fine was imposed on George Henry Ives, aged 31, engineer, of Widcombe-hill, Bath.

Defendant wrote stating that his car was immobilised and he left the parts at an address in Chilton-lane. He understood the parts were going to be collected by the police and sent to Maidstone. He offered the car to Ramsgate A.R.P. free of all obligations and he could not understand why his offer was not accepted.

W/R Philpott said the parts had since been surrendered.

LOCAL ALERT

ADDITIONAL WARNING AT RAMSGATE

A local alert air raid warning system, which is in addition to the siren, is now in operation at Ramsgate.

When hostile aircraft are known to be in the immediate vicinity of the town, ten short hoots will be sounded on the steam siren at the gas works.

A continuous long hoot for half a minute indicates that the aircraft have left the vicinity.

BROADSTAIRS SHOW PLACE

RUN AT A LOSS

BRITISH RESTAURANT TO ECONOMISE

Broadstairs British Restaurant is no longer paying its way.

A balance of £35 2s. 5d. at the end of June was converted during July and August into a deficit of £7 16s. 10d., although 8,690 meals at 8d. and 961 at 4d. were served during that period.

After considering detailed information as to the cost per meal of the food purchased from the date of opening, the committee have asked the chairman, Councillor B. Humphrey, to endeavour to arrange, in consultation with the cook-supervisor, to effect certain economies in the cost of operating the restaurant.

In July meals for 4,814 adults and 532 children and 1,511 teas were served, bringing in £178 15s. 7d. The cost of the food was £117 8s. 6d. and the total expenditure £271 0s. 10d.

In August meals for 4,076 adults and 429 children and 1,293 teas were served, bringing in £151 2s. The cost of the food was £95 9s. 8d. and the total expenditure £233 18s. 9d.

A tender of £16 5s. for the provision of black-out shutters at the restaurant has been accepted but no action is to be taken regarding the provision of a wireless set.

Arrangements have been made for the use of alternative premises in the event of an emergency.

Two Hundred Meals a Day.

At Monday's meeting of the Council Councillor Humphrey said the restaurant had been open for 26 weeks and during that time 31,330 meals had been served. That gave an average of 1,250 a week, or 200 a day. That in itself should give some satisfaction to the members of the committee.

Early in the year they were urged by the Ministry of Food to consider the provision of a communal feeding centre for the town. A good many people were sceptical as to whether such a centre would prove a success in Broadstairs. The Pierremont Restaurant was opened and he wished to pay tribute to the help they had received from the Ministry of Food. Several times they had had visits from officials and inspectors of the Ministry who had done everything they could to help them.

After quoting from a Ministry of Food bulletin, in which the progress of the Pierremont Restaurant was mentioned, Councillor Humphrey said deputations from neighbouring towns had visited the restaurant. They had been urged to go and see what had been done in Broadstairs with a view to taking similar action in their own towns. Ramsgate, Margate, Whitstable, Herne Bay and Canterbury had paid them official visits and he thought they had benefited by the experience of Broadstairs. In those towns restaurants had been started on almost identical lines.

In Broadstairs, continued Councillor Humphrey, there were still a good many people who fought shy of the restaurant. They might have thought it was intended for the workers. It was, but it was also intended for everyone. It might be that the price had deterred some people. Eightpence did not sound much for a three-course dinner but he would like to assure these people that it did not mean it was too cheap to be good.

Breakfasts for the Bombed.

The Ministry of Food were anxious for the success of the restaurants as they would result in national economy in fuel, in food and in labour. The restaurants made provision for people who had been bombed out of their homes. On the two or three occasions when people had been bombed out at nights they had had their breakfast at the restaurant at eight o'clock the following morning, and also other meals for the next few days.

The success with which the Pierremont Restaurant had met was largely due to two factors. The first was the very valuable help they had received from the W.V.S. Every day six or eight ladies were there from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. getting the dining-room ready and serving the meals. They were also responsible for the attractive decoration of the tables and on some days they spent from 9 a.m. until noon in cleaning the silver. All that work was voluntary. The second factor in the success of the restaurant was the work of the staff. They were a loyal body of workers doing their best to make everyone happy and comfortable. So far as he was aware the only complaint had been from a few old ladies who had been given a little more dinner than they really needed. That was a good fault. The committee were to be congratulated on the result of their efforts.

Councillor G. W. Lane said the Pierremont Restaurant was a "show place," and they were proud of it.

MAYOR'S TROOPERS

HELP BROADSTAIRS FUNDS

So popular were the Mayor of Ramsgate's Troopers when they gave a concert at the Garden-on-the-Sands Pavilion, Broadstairs, last week, that a collection taken during the interval realised £9 for the local Prisoners of War Fund and Mrs. B. J. Pearson's Wool Fund.

While the Mayor of Ramsgate, Alderman A. B. C. Kempe, compered his show the Mayor of Margate, Alderman G. P. Hoare, was among the applauding audience.

Afterwards, Councillor B. J. Pearson, Chairman of Broadstairs Council, thanking the party for their enjoyable entertainment, congratulated both Mayors upon their re-election for a further year of office.

The programme included the Mayor's sketch, "A Sporting Afternoon," in which A.B.C. was supported in the chief roles by Ted Hougham, Mrs. Peete and Jack Yorath. Other sketches were given by Dawn, Charlie and Jimmy.

Those contributing to a varied programme of song, dance and music included Kiddy Martell, Reg Taney, Hilda the Oomph Girl, Kay, Mary Richards, Winnie Martell, Sid Browning, Diane Maxted, Jack Yorath, Lucy Browning, Joyce Wright, Gloria Knight, Jimmy Honey and Charlie Newell.

The Mayor sang the song of the doughnut and "I like scented soap."

COMMITTEE'S CHANGE OF NAME

The Air Raids Precautions Committee of Ramsgate Town Council is in future to be known as the Civil Defence Committee, since the Government have decided that "C.D." is to replace "A.R.P."

FRONT LINE PUSHED BACK BY R.A.F.

THANET A.T.C'S NEW HEADQUARTERS

"Now we have come near to the end of the fighting season," said Wing/Comdr. Robinson, R.A.F., speaking at the opening of the new headquarters of the Thanet Squadron, Air Training Corps, "and we have pushed back the front line to 60 miles inside German occupied France."

The new headquarters have been established at Pettman Central School, Margate, and the opening ceremony was performed in the gymnasium on Friday by the Mayor of Margate, Alderman G. P. Hoare, who was supported by the Mayor of Ramsgate, Alderman A. B. C. Kempe, the Chairman of Broadstairs Council, Councillor B. J. Pearson, and officers and instructors of the squadron, who include Frank Woolley, the England and Kent cricketer.

The officer commanding the squadron, Flight-Lieut. R. Spratling, who served as a pilot in the last war, presided and paid tribute to the efforts of his predecessor in office Mr. A. E. Crisp, to whom a great deal of credit was due for the success of the venture.

The Mayor of Margate, who is chairman of the squadron Committee, expressed appreciation of the tremendous strides the cadets had made and of the devotion, loyalty and patience of the officers and tutors. No movement had appealed more spontaneously to the country or was serving a better cause than the A.T.C. Many people had felt the lack of something for boys from the period when they left school until they grew into manhood, and when the A.T.C. was inaugurated it seemed to fit the bill perfectly. It filled a gap and created the spirit of companionship which the boys needed at that time of life. Such an organisation had been badly missed in this district. It was not surprising, therefore, that the response to the appeal for members was spontaneous and exceeded all expectations.

After declaring the headquarters open, the Mayor handed to the Commanding Officer a shield from the Margate Welfare Committee of the squadron to be awarded annually to the most efficient cadet in A and B (Margate) flights. In addition, he said, a prize would be given to the winner.

Thanet United.

Remarking that it was a treat to see Margate and Ramsgate joining together at last, the Mayor of Ramsgate said if ever a thing was wanted in this island it had been unity among the three towns. "Rivalry," he added, "is a good thing so long as it is dignified rivalry, and not of the cut-throat type. I am proud to come and be associated with the Margate people."

Agreeing with Alderman Hoare that this was the day of youth, Alderman Kempe declared "I only wish some people in higher quarters would take that to heart. The older generation will not give the younger generation a chance."

Ramsgate, continued the Mayor, had always been the home of aviation in this district. They spent £40,000 on an airport when certain people were complaining that aeroplanes flying over the district were a nuisance and disturbed the peace of visitors. His reply to that at the time was that in the future a town without an airport would be like a town without a railway station, and that was true. Aviation had come to stay, and it was fine to see England coming to the top with the strongest air force in the world.

Appealing to the boys to make the best of the facilities offered to them, he said they all had a chance to become a wing commander. He could see they had fight in them. "And Ramsgate," he concluded, "will fight Margate any old time. But who cares so long as it is a fair fight."

Councillor Pearson, adding his congratulations upon the success of the squadron, said he realised that the Broadstairs contingent were few, but they were playing their part and would prove worthy of the corps.

Referring to Alderman Kempe's statement that Ramsgate was first with an airport, Councillor Pearson said "I want to correct that by reminding him that the airport is in Broadstairs."

The Mayor of Ramsgate: But you didn't pay anything towards it. (Laughter).

Councillor Pearson: But I said I hoped it would be a Thanet airport.

The time had come, added Councillor Pearson, when they should talk more of Thanet and less of Broadstairs, Margate and Ramsgate. He thought the success of the A.T.C. would teach the civic authorities a lesson when they realised that such success could not be achieved without unity of purpose.

The Changing Front Line.

Wing-Comdr. Robinson, who received a rousing ovation from the cadets, mentioned that it was just over a year ago that the Battle of Britain was won.

Everyone in this part of the country, he said, had taken their place in the front line which started in this area. After a pretty grim period it went back to five miles south of London at the end of August or September last year. But the fight went on and they came to the day in the middle of September when the enemy lost 185 planes and decided that that was not the sort of game they had been brought up to play, so they called it off. The front line was then pushed southwards, and when Christmas came we were fighting round about Dover. In the early spring the front line was in the middle of the Channel, and by May it was round about the coast of Northern France.

"Now we have come to near the end of the fighting season," he said, "and we have pushed back the front line to 60 miles inside German occupied France. (Applause.)

"The German soldier, sailor and airman dislikes and always has disliked fighting on equal terms. Every day we are getting more and better aircraft, but we must have men for pilots and crews. **If the 438 Squadron of the A.T.C. is representative of those pilots and crews —and I know you are—then we need have no fear that the front line will be pushed back once and for all to its proper and rightful place, and that, of course, is Berlin."** (Applause.)

Mr. A. E. Crisp, acknowledging the references made to his services, said a tremendous amount of the earlier work had been done by Flying-Officer Burgess, the adjutant.

On behalf of Broadstairs, Councillor Pearson, in appreciation of the wonderful progress of the squadron, promised a silver cup and replica to be competed for each year in a manner to be decided by the commanding officer.

A fine display of physical training afterwards given by a team of cadets under their instructor, Mr. H. Pinder, included exercises on the parallel bars and vaulting box and demonstrated the success of the instruction given to the cadets to improve their physique.

At the dance which followed the squadron's own dance band, under Cadet Sergt. R. A. G. Simmonds, made their first public appearance.

ENTERED 18 HOUSES

YOUTH SENT TO BORSTAL

Alfred Edward Warren, aged 17 years, of All Saints'-road, Margate, admitted at the borough quarter sessions on Friday that he had broken into 18 furnished but unoccupied houses.

Warren pleaded guilty to entering Greyfriars, Sea-road, Westgate, where he stole three South American banknotes, the property of Mr. Wesley Lambert, C.B.E., on 26th August, and White Stacks, Carlton Road West, Westgate, the residence of Mrs. Gertrude H. Easton, where he stole £1 16s. 4d. from the gas meter, between 14th and 23rd August.

Warren also asked the Recorder, Mr. R. A. Gordon, K.C., to take into consideration 16 other cases of housebreaking.

The houses entered were:

Rosdelba, Sea View-avenue, Birchington, occupied by Betty Eardley; 26 Gordon-road, Margate, occupied by Walter Cook, where 4s. 3d. was stolen; Court Lodge, Gloucester-avenue, Margate, occupied by John Langelier; Stella Maris, Palm Bay-gardens, Margate, occupied by Edith Mewes; Neville Lodge, Lonsdale-avenue, Margate, occupied by Edward Lloyd; Gloucester Lodge, Gloucester-avenue, Margate, occupied by Walter Wright, where a raincoat was stolen; Homestead, Thanet-road, Westgate, occupied by Lieut.-Col. A. L. Flint, Thalatta, The Parade, Birchington, occupied by Edward Handley; Green Hedges, St. Mildred's-avenue, Birchington, occupied by Queenie Maftaniel; St. Philip, Elm-grove, Westgate, occupied by Canon Alfred E. King, where an antique knife was stolen; Bay Bungalow, Gallwey-avenue, Birchington, occupied by Daisy James, where 2s. was stolen; Marlborough, St. Mildred's-avenue, Birchington, occupied by Walter Holland; Neva, Ryder's-avenue, Westgate, occupied by Ethel Weil; Sunnyside, Canute-road, Birchington, occupied by Alice Dunscombe, where £1 7s. was stolen; Innisfail, Laleham-road, Margate, occupied by H. Asprey Dick; Hereward Hotel, Gordon-road, Margate, occupied by Allan Thompson.

Except where it was stated that theft had also taken place, the offences were of breaking into the premises with intent to steal.

In reply to the Recorder, D/S Presland said all the premises had been left unoccupied.

No Great Value.

Mr. A. L. Stevenson, who prosecuted, said the South American bank notes were found on Warren when he was interviewed at a billiards hall. They were not of great value. Warren stated that he entered the house on his return from Chatham, where he had obtained work as a labourer. He also admitted that he entered White Stacks by taking out a pane of glass with the aid of a file which was found beneath the kitchen window.

Mr. Stevenson said Warren appeared before the juvenile court in December, 1940, when he was placed on probation for two years. In May he committed another offence but the justices were very lenient with him and placed him on probation again. He had, by the offences he had since admitted, committed a breach of his recognisances.

D/S Presland said Warren was a native of Margate and lived with his parents. His father had been employed as a full-time member of the A.F.S. Since leaving school in 1937 accused had had several situations as an errand boy and later worked as a labourer. On 24th February, 1941, he was sent to a Government training school at Croydon, but left on 11th March as he was not up to standard. Since then he had worked as a labourer at Margate and Chatham, being discharged from his last job at Chatham on 19th August for continually absenting himself from work.

He had twice been before the juvenile court. On 15th February, 1939, he was bound over for two years for stealing sash weights, and on 11th December, 1940, he was bound over for two years, with a condition of residence, on two charges of housebreaking. On 7th May, 1941, he was bound over at Margate police court for two years for stealing money from a sports pavilion.

Helping Hand Rejected.

Mr. A. E. Bray, Probation Officer, said he felt that further probation would be inadequate for accused, who needed constant supervision. The lad, who had been under his care since he was first placed on probation in 1939, was fairly satisfactory until about a year ago, when he began to deteriorate. Since he became 17 witness had been unable to do anything with him. He had turned down the hand of friendship, advice and help.

In reply to the Recorder, witness said to his knowledge Warren had acted independently in carrying out the offences, but he had frequented a local billiards hall.

The Recorder: You don't think probation will be any good?

Witness: No.

Asked if he wished to question Mr. Bray, Warren started to refer to a question of going to West Hartlepool to work.

His mother, who was in court, said "Speak up, lad. Tell them the truth."

Warren, however, stood in the dock with his head down.

Mr. Bray said he thought accused was referring to an occasion in January last when it was suggested he should go away from Margate to work. His mother said she had a relative in West Hartlepool and it was decided to approach him with a view to the lad going there to work. Witness wrote to the Probation Officer at West Hartlepool for advice as to the conditions there, and received a reply that work was not easy to obtain as the district was to all intents and purposes a distressed area.

Warren: I had a job to go to there, working with my uncle in the shipyard.

Accused admitted that his uncle was aged 75.

Mr. Bray said he thought the parents considered he prevented the lad from going to a place where he could make good, but in view of the letter he received he followed his colleague's advice. He would always be ready to give any help to Warren, who could look on him as a friend.

Assisted the Police.

Mr. Stevenson mentioned that Warren had given every assistance to the police in regard to the outstanding cases.

Warren said he had received his papers for the Army and if he could be given another chance he would go and make good.

Mr. A. J. Warren, father of the accused, said that since his son had been visiting a billiards hall he had associated with one or two boys there and that had been the cause of the trouble.

The Recorder told Warren that he had had many chances and had committed a number of offences while on probation. He needed to take a pull on himself.

"I can only see one way in which that can be done," said the Recorder, "and that is by someone having control over you all the time and not allowing you to mix with other boys. Therefore, I am going to send you to Borstal, where you will have every chance. It is run on extended school lines, with every opportunity to make good, and you will be taught a trade. You will go there for three years but you may get out before that time if you behave yourself. I have visited the place and you will not have a bad time if you behave yourself. But if you don't you will not find it too easy."

Warren was given permission to see his parents before going away.

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ADMIRED BY EASTBOURNE

When the Recorder (Mr. R. A. Gordon, K.C.) came to Margate to preside at the quarter sessions on Friday he brought with him a message of greeting from the Mayor of Eastbourne.

Speaking to the jury, as representatives of the town, the Recorder said when he told the Mayor of Eastbourne, in which town he lived, that he was going to address them, the Mayor said "Tell them from me that we here send our fraternal greetings, and say that we understand their problems, as we have the same ourselves. We admire their courage and the spirit of self-sacrifice existing in Margate, and we, with them, say that no sacrifice is too great in order to keep our enemy from this island."

ARMISTICE DAY ARMISTICE

Armistice Day is not to be formally observed in Broadstairs this year.

At a meeting of the Council, held at Pierremont Hall on Monday, the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) said no formal arrangements were made the previous year as it was not thought desirable for crowds to gather. On behalf of the town he placed a wreath on the war memorial.

On the motion of Councillor F. Foster it was decided to follow the same procedure as last year.

R.A. DANCE BAND AT RAMSGATE

The privilege of dancing to music played by the famous band of the Royal Artillery, Woolwich, and at the same time assisting R.A. charities will be provided at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, to-morrow.

Dancing will begin at 8.30 p.m. and continue until 1 a.m. Refreshments will be served until 12.30.

Ladies' tickets, obtainable at the ballroom, are only 1s. each.

"It is not enough merely to sit back and give loud applause every time Russia is mentioned. Stalin will value one tank far higher than he will a theatre full of cheers."—Mr. Chuter Ede, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Board of Education.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Brogden.—6th October, at Willesborough Nursing Home, Ashford, to Second-Lieut. and Mrs. Brogden (née Galloway) a daughter.

Carson.—26th September, at Langton Green, near Tunbridge Wells, the wife of C. Carson, late of Birchington, of a son.

MARRIAGES

Fleming—Ford.—30th September, at St. John's Church, Derby, by the Rev. J. W. Packer, B.D., Ronald Desmond, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Fleming, of Ramsgate, temporarily of 177 Corporation-street, Stafford, to Barbara June, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ford, of Cardiff.

Shanahan—Kelsey.—30th September, at St. Augustine's Abbey Church, Ramsgate, William Francis Shanahan, of Co. Tipperary, Eire, to Ena Phyllis Kelsey, of Ramsgate.

Wood—Sayer.—2nd October, at St. Peter's Church, Bridge, Edward Robert, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wood, of 7 Montefiore-avenue, Ramsgate, to Muriel Sanger, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sayer, of Cleve Court Farm, Monkton.

DEATHS

Beerling.—27th September, at Canterbury Hospital, Horace Joseph Beerling, of 10 Addington-street, Margate.

Brackenborough.—28th September, at 18 Hastings-avenue, Margate, Thomas Brackenborough, aged 72 years.

Cleaver.—26th September, at Glan Ely Hospital, Cardiff, Patricia Cleaver, of 27 Crescent-road, Ramsgate, aged 25 years.

Fraser.—28th September, at Ramsgate General Hospital, Walter Charles Fraser, of 10 Broad-street, Ramsgate, aged 18 years.

Howlett.—29th September, at Cambridge, John William Howlett, late of Margate.

Ryan.—22nd September, at 51 South Eastern-road, Ramsgate, Annie Jane Ryan, aged 73 years.

Southern.—5th October, at 63 Newington-road, Ramsgate, James Henry Southern, aged 48 years. A silent sufferer. Funeral service St. Mark's Church, Northwood, 2.30 Thursday.

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